

WMU Hears Call For SBC Unity

HOUSTON. — Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen called on Woman's Missionary Union members last week to unite in prayer that threatened divisions would not

Foreign Board Reappoints The Mayhalls



Mr. and Mrs. Mayhall

David and Ollie Mayhall have been reappointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to Liberia, West Africa and plan to leave for their new field of service on July 3.

Since 1972 he has been director of missions for Washington County Association in Mississippi. They have lived in Greenville. Their new address will be the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, P. O. Box 1778, Monrovia, Liberia.

Previously they served in Nigeria for 20 years, and were first appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950. He taught in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, the Newton Memorial School, Oshogbo, a boarding school for missionary children, and in Baptist College, Iwo, and did general evangelistic work in the Ijebu-Ife area.

A Mississippian, he was born in Lib-

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splinter the nation's largest evangelical group.

Pulling the curtain on the 91st meeting of the WMU, Allen spoke directly of the possible problems that will confront the convention over the issue of biblical inerrancy.

"If you have ever prayed for anyone or anything, I call on you now to pray that we as Southern Baptists can retain the privilege God has given us."

The San Antonio, Texas, pastor said the temptations for Baptists are division, anger, and to become embroiled in the emotions of the hour.

"But the challenge for all of us is not to abandon the moment that God has given us. We cannot ignore the outstretched hands that can be seen around the world."

Allen's message ended two days of sessions for about 2,300 participants from across the convention with an emphasis on missions and the increasing role of women in Southern Baptist life.

Missions Strategy

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Birmingham-based WMU, said the organization is and always has been a missions strategy.

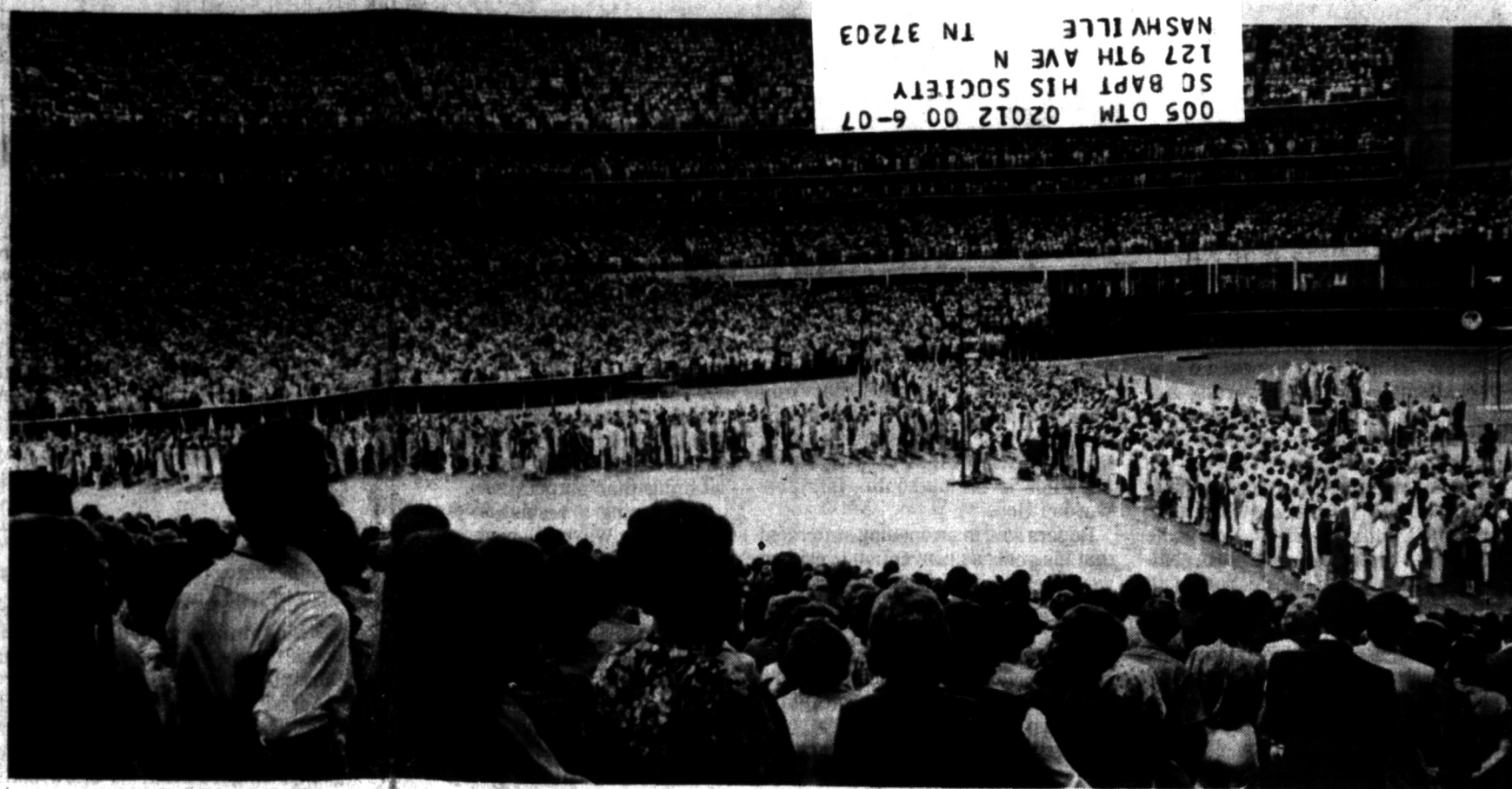
"Some folks want us to be the women's lib movement in Southern Baptist churches. Others think we already are. Some want us to be the PTA of the church, doing all the nice helpful things that somebody ought to do around the church."

"I believe it is essential that we commit ourselves to being a missions education organization, not only through the materials, but in every meeting that is held across the convention."

Weatherford said that it was always easier for women to gather and discuss fashions or a dozen other feminine subjects.

"In our noblest highest hour, we teach missions, thus helping the

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LARGEST EVER — It was the largest gathering of Southern Baptists ever assembled in the United States as a crowd of 48,000 participated in the dedication of 1,100

missionary volunteers at the Bold Mission Thrust Rally in the Astrodome. Photo by Tim Fields

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Messengers Elect Rogers, Continue Missions Thrust

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention last week in Houston, Texas, the 122nd session of the gathering, elected Adrian Rogers as president following an intense campaign in his behalf on the part two factions, one a Texas combine of appeals Judge Paul Pressler of Houston and First Church, Dallas, Associate Pastor Paige Patterson, and the other the

Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship.

Both claimed to be acting independently of the other, and after it was over Rogers said he had not been a party to the efforts of either.

Following the election the messengers turned back to the business of missions and evangelism.

Rogers, pastor of the 11,000-member

Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, won the presidency on the first ballot over five others by a 51.36 per cent margin. Later the messengers asked convention officials to investigate possible "irregularities."

Messengers also adopted a motion disavowing "overt political activity and organization as a method of selection of its officers."

Reaffirmed Statement

The 15,947 convention messengers reaffirmed the Scripture portions of the 1963 convention-adopted Baptist Faith and Message statement, elected an active member of the conservative Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship as second vice president, and reaffirmed for the second consecutive year a 1976 SBC resolution opposing abortion by demand.

But the messengers also heeded a plea by outgoing SBC President Jimmy Allen of San Antonio not to allow the debate over doctrinal integrity to derail the convention's Bold Mission Thrust plan to proclaim the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2,000.

During a Bold Mission Thrust commitment rally at the Astrodome Wednesday night, about 48,000 Baptists filled the Astrodome and saw 1,100 mission volunteers kneel for a service of commitment and dedication. Later, following a message by evangelist Billy Graham, more than 1,200 persons came forward to make personal commitments to Christ in an altar call.

Speech after speech during the three-day convention called Baptists to deeper commitment to missions and evangelism.

During business periods the mes-

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Pastors Elect James Draper As President

HOUSTON. — Southern Baptist preachers last week elected James T. Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas, as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. Draper, former associate pastor of the 20,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, was elected over Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Miss., and preacher for the Baptist Hour radio program and "At Home with the Bible" television program produced by Southern Baptists.

Elected vice president of the conference was Larry Lewis, pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo. James Miller, pastor of Ridgely West Baptist Church, Fort Worth, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Pastors Warned Of Liberalism

A number of the program personalities urged the 8,000 persons attending the two-day Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference to lead out in purging Baptist seminaries and colleges of liberalism and recommitting the Southern Baptist Convention to the belief that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant word of God.

In the opening address, Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, expressed fear that liberalism was taking over Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries. He also attacked Baptist publications for their support of seminaries and denominational agencies.

Rogers argued that every Baptist church with an excellent track record in annual baptisms is "a conservative, Bible-believing church with a pastor who 'believes in the inerrant (without error), infallible word of God.'"

Lashing out at liberalism in the SBC, Rogers claimed that "if those liberals will ever come to the cross of Christ, all heaven will break loose."

Moments after Rogers spoke, W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 20,000-member First Baptist Church in Dallas, enthusiastically endorsed Rogers as a candidate for the SBC presidency.

"We will have a great time here if for

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President, Vice-Presidents SBC Taps Rogers, McCall, Touchton As Officers

HOUSTON. — Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last week elected "conservative" candidate Adrian P. Rogers, pastor of the 11,000-member Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, as president of the 13.2 million member body on the first ballot.

Rogers swamped five other candidates in garnering 51.36 per cent of the votes and avoiding a run-off. Rogers, who had been endorsed by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, during the pre-convention Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference,

was nominated by Homer Lindsay Sr., pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. First runner-up in the race for the SBC presidency was Robert Naylor, retired president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Naylor, who was nominated by John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmore Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., received 2,791 of the votes or 23.39 percent.

The remainder of the ballots were cast for C. E. Price, vice-president of Westinghouse Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Doug Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Executive Committee

Re-Elects Wester

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., was re-elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in a meeting here.

The committee also expressed appreciation for its outgoing executive secretary-treasurer Porter Routh, who will retire July 31. The committee went through the formality of re-electing Routh to serve until his retirement date and re-electing Harold Bennett to serve as Routh's successor.

Rodney R. Landes, El Dorado, Ark., businessman, was elected vice-chairman; Preston H. Callison, attorney from Columbia, S. C., was re-elected secretary.

Bold Mission Thrust Rally Fills Astrodome

HOUSTON. — The Bold Mission Thrust rally of the Southern Baptist Convention Wednesday night was not your ordinary Baptist convention session.

It was the largest gathering of Southern Baptists ever assembled in the United States and the largest missionary dedication service in history. The building was the Astrodome.

The congregation numbered 48,000 stacked in tiers on site, plus countless television viewers.

The choir had 4,000 voices. The hymnal was the electronic scoreboard.

The carpet was astroturf. The colors of stained glass windows were seen in the flags of 50 states and 94 nations.

The order of service listed 5,700 names of home and foreign missionaries, and those names flashed across the scoreboard.

The choir director was Cliff Barrows.

The preacher was Billy Graham. And the altar call brought forth 3,000 persons.

It was a technological feat unprecedented in church related conventions and gave a glimpse of Southern Baptists' scope for Bold Mission Thrust.

The crux of the service was the dedication of 1,100 persons who had volunteered for mission service since Jan. 1, 1978.

Some are already on the job and were represented by stand-ins.

As they knelt in a cross formation outlined by flags, 1,100 persons representing those who support the volunteers financially, laid hands on their shoulders.

SBC President Jimmy Allen said "these folks represent 13 million Southern Baptists. Missions isn't just the business of missionaries, but the business of all of us."

These and other missionaries will receive financial support in excess of \$100 million dollars this year.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union,

prayed for those who will cross the barrier to witness and minister as well as for those who will send support.

Executives of the Baptist mission boards whipped up missionary fervor for evangelist Billy Graham's address.

Graham set out to convince the throng to follow God's call to mission.

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Central Hills Ready For June 25 Opening

"We are ready," says Rusty Griffin, RA director for Mississippi. "All the recreational facilities as well as the tent platforms and dining tent, are completed and ready for use." The recreational facilities include swimming pool, one bathroom, the barn and horses, recreation field, canoeing

equipment, and the amphitheatre. "We are definitely looking forward to the opening of camp June 25," added Griffin. "Since Camille destroyed Camp Kittiwake, we have needed a place Royal Ambassadors could call their own. Central Hills will offer us that identity."

Many churches and individuals have played a big part in getting everything ready on time. Most recently, one could find large groups at Central Hills on Saturdays helping with the construction of a barn to house the horses. Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department and Griffin have been prominent in the planning and construction of the 40' x 80' facility. It is now completed.

"We really need to thank a lot of people for assisting us with this," Griffin said.

Churches which sent volunteers included: Indian Springs Church, Jones Association; Garry Meador, Terry Booth (pastor), Larry Harrold, M. L. Graham, Darrell Holifield, Tom Stephens, Bill Ruston, Darling Meador, Randy Meador, Don Grafton, Freddy Meador, and Jeff Stephens.

First Church, Yazoo City; Buford Rowland, John Paul Jones, Spurgeon

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Nancy Aulds Named MUW BSU Director

Nancy Gray Aulds has been named director of Baptist Student Union at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. She comes to MUW from Blue Mountain College where she served as BSU director for two years. She will begin her work at MUW July 2.

A native of Marion, La., Miss Aulds is a graduate of Louisiana Technical University where she majored in home economics. After receiving the master

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NEW PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS — Adrian Rogers, left, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention last week in Houston. Named first vice-president was Abner McCall, center, president of Baylor University. At right is Don Touchton, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla., who is the new second vice-president. Rogers is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.



RALLY RESPONSE — Approximately 1,200 persons responded to the invitation extended by evangelist Billy Graham at the Bold Mission Thrust Dedication Rally.

Rogers Hopes Political Activity Not A Pattern

HOUSTON, — Newly-elected Southern Baptist Convention President Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., said in his first full-fledged news conference Wednesday he would not favor a "witch hunt" investigation of liberalism in SBC seminaries, but would support such an investigation if it were carried out by a committee that was fair and balanced.

Rogers, nominee of what some have described as a "conservative political machine" within the SBC, also said he hoped that the kind of political organization which led to his election could not be a pattern for future elections of SBC presidents.

"I was not a part of this campaign. I never went to a single meeting. I don't belong to Paige Patterson or Judge Paul Pressler, or even to this convention. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ."

"I'm not here to represent any splinter groups," he declared. "I'm here to represent the Lord Jesus Christ."

"I love Paige Patterson and Judge Paul Pressler, but if I can't be the president of all Southern Baptists, then I don't want to be here."

Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Pressler, a Houston appellate courts judge, were reported to have been the key organizers in the campaign to elect a convention president who upholds the Bible as "the infallible, inerrant (without error) Word of God."

Amplifying the question of a committee to investigate charges of liberalism in SBC seminaries, Rogers added: "I would not favor any group that came with blood in its eye to go on a witch hunt."

He added, however, that any "liberalism" is too much if it means that Baptist seminaries, agencies, or institutions have employees who doubt the Bible is the authentic, infallible Word of God.

Rogers said in an opening statement that his goals as convention president would center on missions, evangelism, faith in God's word, and loving each other.

Declaring he wanted to be positive in his approach, Rogers said "I am not against anyone or anything except the devil and sin."

"I want to try to be a good, conservative, soul-winning, Bible-believing, church-building pastor and convention president," Rogers said.

He said he did not agree to be nominated for president of the convention until after a 2:30 a.m. prayer meeting with two other men in his hotel room the night before the nomination.

During that prayer meeting, he said, "God so came down that tears of joy" streamed down the faces of these in the room and he was sure God had spoken to them and given him assurance to accept the nomination.

Rogers said any plans he might have for dealing with "liberal" trends are extremely premature.

"I didn't have a plan because I was

not a candidate," he said. "Most of what I'll be doing is setting a tone." Rogers said Southern Baptists have processes that will remove anyone who doesn't teach according to the Bible.

"These processes work best when the body is strong and healthy. I would like to help us be strong and healthy. I would rather be giving strong doses of vitamins than amputations."

Concerning a resolution presented Tuesday by Wayne Dehoney, of Louisville, Ky., asking reaffirmation of the Scriptures section of the 1973 Baptist Faith and Message Statement, Rogers said he wished Dehoney would be more specific in what he means by "the Bible is truth, without any mixture of error."

"Some mean one thing, some another, and I wish they would clarify what they mean. If they mean the truth of the Bible is true, that's a nonsensical question."

Pressed to name a former SBC president he considered liberal, Rogers cited a reference by former United States Congressman Brooks Hayes of Arkansas in his book, "Is the Bible a Human Book?"

Asked for an example of what he means by "inerrancy," he cited a message by a seminary professor who indicated that one narrative of God's creation of man in Genesis should take precedent over another.

"Therefore he's saying here's a section of God's word that should be shunted aside. That's more than

quibbling over the words. I don't care what you call it as long as you believe God's Word is God's Word."

Rogers said he didn't favor the political efforts of the Patterson-Pressler caucus. But he added: "I think what they did has been done since time immemorial."

"Their methods are not my methods," he said. "I have never been a candidate."

Rogers was asked what he meant in a pre-convention statement that "if the liberals would come to the cross all Heaven would break loose."

He explained that "a man who doesn't believe in the blood of Jesus Christ isn't a Christian."

Asked if he thought any Baptists might be offended by the political campaign of the Patterson-Pressler group, Rogers said, "I know some people are disgruntled" but repeated, "I did not run for the office, I ran from it." He said rallies held by the group in 15 states were a surprise to him.

Asked to cite similarities between this and other SBC presidential campaigns, Rogers repeated again that he had never sought the office of president.

"But I assume there have always been telephone calls and people saying, 'I think so and so would make a good president.'"

At the close of his press conference, Rogers said, "If you will give me a chance and pray for me, you will find me transparent, loving, and positive."

No man in the world believes more in soul winning and missions, and all you have to do is look at the record."

Rogers said his church gives \$3,000 per month to support Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis, an independent Baptist seminary which was organized by conservative Southern Baptists who felt Southern Baptist Convention seminaries were too liberal.

He added the church gives about \$170,000 or six percent of its total budget to support world missions, Christian education, and other benevolent causes through the SBC Cooperative Program.

Rogers said his salary at Bellevue, including all fringe benefits, is just over \$50,000.



PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROGERS — While her husband seeks to lead in his role as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mrs. Adrian Rogers says that maybe the best thing she could do would be to sit by his side and be supportive. Mrs. Rogers stated that both she and her husband were overwhelmed by his election on the first ballot. W. C. Fields is at right.

SBC Messengers Applaud Seminaries

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Messengers attending the 122nd Southern Baptist Convention gave a standing ovation to the presidents of the denomination's six theological seminaries after they reported to the convention.

For weeks, the seminaries and faculty had been under fire from several Southern Baptists, including newly-elected president Adrian Rogers.

During the opening session of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Rogers voiced concern over the "liberalism" he says is afoot in certain Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries.

In their reports to the convention, most of the presidents indicated there has been no liberalism and deviation from biblical orthodoxy on their campuses.

William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., began the seminary reports by saying the six institutions are committed and responsible to Southern Baptists.

Landrum P. Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, told messengers all his faculty members are

"thoroughly screened" before employment.

Among other things, the faculty must confirm their subscription to the Baptist Faith and Message Statement adopted by the convention in 1963, Leavell said.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., told messengers not to worry about the trustees at his institution because "you chose them wisely." He also said they are "men of God."

Asserting "the seminaries belong to you," Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., urged messengers to pray for the seminaries. They should pray "for your sakes and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Randall Lolley, president of Southwestern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., reaffirmed the seminaries' commitment to Southern Baptists. "You own the seminaries," he said.

Closing the reports, Russell H. Dilley, president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, pledged the support of the seminaries to Bold Mission Thrust.

Messengers Adopt \$83 Million Budget For World Missions

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention unanimously adopted a record breaking \$83 million budget for the denomination's worldwide program of missions in 1979-80.

In another recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee the messengers adopted a total Cooperative Program goal of \$226 million for all of the state conventions of the 132 million member denomination.

The recommendation was in keeping with previous convention action to double Cooperative Program gifts in five years, part of the Bold Mission Thrust campaign to reach every person on earth with the gospel by the year 2000. To put teeth into the effort, the messengers voted a \$12 million Bold Mission allocation.

The new SBC budget is an \$8 million increase over the 1978-79 budget.

Messengers also approved Executive Committee recommendations to hold the 1984 session of the SBC in Kansas City, Mo., June 12-14, and the 1985 session in Dallas, Texas, June 11-13.

Another recommendation adopted by the messengers calls on SBC agencies to respond in writing on all mat-

ters referred by the Convention.

"Bylaw 28 was amended to require agencies to respond in writing at the close of their report in the Book of Reports and Annual, giving specific information on (1) how the matter referred was considered; (2) how it was reported to the constituency; and (3) any actions on the matter taken by the agency or action proposed to the Convention."

A recommendation explaining Southern Baptist agencies' charges to churches for services rendered drew lengthy debate.

The recommendation, which came in response to a motion at last year's convention by John C. Green of Indianapolis, Fla., said most convention agencies receive their funds through the Cooperative Program or designated gifts and make no charges to churches for their services.

The Executive Committee cited some exceptions to the practice such as agencies charging for recovery of reasonable costs for materials and costs from individuals for conferences they conduct.

Green presented a motion to the convention for a 15-person committee

to study financial practices of the agencies.

He said he felt that reducing the number of times agencies solicit funds could result in helping the churches reach the goal of doubling Cooperative Program giving.

Objections to Green's motion were raised by Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Routh said the 65-member Executive Committee already has responsibilities for making such studies, and Green's proposal would result in unnecessary duplication and extra costs of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A motion to postpone the vote until Green's motion could be printed in the Convention Bulletin failed for lack of two-thirds majority.

Messengers then voted down Green's motion.

Seven other Executive Committee recommendations passed without discussion by messengers.

A recommendation in response to a 1978 motion by Jack Gritz, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, said it does not appear that a seventh seminary is feasible.

The recommendation called for the six seminaries to outline "possibilities of extending their ministries for meeting the needs for theological education in the Northeast, the North Central, the West, and the Northwest."

Other recommendations adopted by the Convention Tuesday afternoon included continuing Bold Mission Thrust for 1982-85 under the themes of reaching people, developing believers and strengthening families, revising the charter of the SBC Sunday School Board, and adjusting the program statement for the six seminaries.

In another action, Executive Committee Chairman Brooks Wester of Hattiesburg, Miss., presented plaques of appreciation to three SBC leaders.

They were Paul M. Stevens, who will retire Oct. 1 after serving as president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission for 26 years; Baker James Cauthen who retires Dec. 31 after serving as executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board for 26 years; and Porter Routh, who retires July 31 after serving as executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee for 28 years.

Missionaries Leave Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — In the midst of stepped-up civil conflict, all Southern Baptist missionary personnel to Nicaragua have temporarily left the country.

Stephens and Paula Baumgardner, missionary journeymen stationed in Managua, were the last Southern Baptist missionaries to leave the country. They flew to the United States on Sunday, June 10. The other missionary couple, Stanley and Glenna Stamps, also stationed in Managua, left Nicaragua about two weeks earlier, taking local leave in Honduras. Both couples made their own decisions to evacuate.

Sporadic fighting and political tensions have existed for over a year bet-

ween the national government of President Anastasio Somoza Jr. and guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

The Baumgardners, entering their last year of a two-year term in the Southern Baptist missionary journeyman program, were to have been with the Stamps on local leave status. But because of an anticipated visit by relatives and the country's "on again, off again" tensions, the journeymen opted to stay in Managua, a Foreign Mission Board spokesman said.

Conflict increased, however, and following declaration of martial law, the Baumgardners, both Florida natives, consulted Foreign Mission Board personnel and made tentative plans to evacuate as soon as possible. Originally they chose to go to Honduras or Guatemala, but because of severe business shutdowns and other obstacles those plans were dismissed and the couple booked a flight to Miami, Fla., and on to their home in Orlando. Sunday was their first opportunity to leave.

The Stamps, natives of Mississippi and Texas, respectively, were in Honduras when martial law was declared and could not reenter the country. They were staying in Tegucigalpa.

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Open Letters To Mississippi Baptists From Spain

We could hardly contain ourselves with excitement as we waited at the Barrajas Airport in Madrid for the arrival of the Singing Churchmen from Mississippi. The joy of seeing dear friends again and the realization that they actually were here with us brought tears of joy to our eyes. After assisting the group with passing through customs and getting them settled into their hotel, we returned home at 2 a.m. too excited to sleep. It was then that Kathy and I really rejoiced and thanked the Lord for this blessing. We had been praying that the group would be able to make this Mission-Concert tour since our initial discussions with them while we were on furlough in 1977. And, at last that blessed moment had arrived.

Mississippi Baptists, we have just cause to be extremely proud of our Singing Churchmen. It is difficult to fully describe the impact that these dedicated men have had in Spain and the boost that their presence has given to our Baptist work here. They sang in almost every conceivable place — from metro (subway) stations to cathedrals, from parks to lovely auditoriums in Conservatories of Music. Our hearts have been uplifted to new heights as we have seen these men sharing the great truth concerning God's love and forgiveness in Jesus

Christ with such openness and apparent joy.

I sincerely believe that the Great Commission has been partially fulfilled as the Holy Spirit has worked through the spoken and sung testimonies of these men. You at home have been a part of this spreading of the gospel in this specific case, as you are daily in our lives and in the lives of missionaries around the world, because all of us share faith in the omnipotent God and all of us ardently long to see the Great Commission come to pass — we know that its fulfillment is the will of God because it is His command. Thank you for giving of your prayers and resources to enable these men to make this trip.

Our hearts were overjoyed when we received the news that a set of handbells used by the group while here would be left in Spain for use in our mission work. This truly is a dream fulfilled for us — I might say a dream and a prayer — Just one more incidence of God's almighty power to answer prayer. Just like the scriptures say, when we are controlled by the Holy Spirit and we are praying according to the work and will of God, we can expect God to answer our prayers. And, we must be prepared to receive, by faith, the answer to our requests.

We thank God and we thank you for your generosity in making this dream a reality — a blessing which we believe will provide many inroads for witness in this country. We are grateful for your keen sense of Mission Awareness and personally for your constant love and prayer support.

Our love,
John & Kathy McNair
Baptist Mission to Spain
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Madrid - 16, Spain

It has just been my privilege to serve as missionary coordinator of the Mississippi Singing Churchmen's mission tour to Spain. It is difficult to adequately express the impact that this group had upon our work here. The men arrived in Spain tired and worn after much travel, several delays, and after having been "bumped" from planes, etc., but even under those conditions I was greatly impressed with their attitude, which was always positive. There was never any complaining to be heard.

The Churchmen's tour was concentrated in the Andalusian region of Spain where Baptist choirs have never travelled. Weekday concerts took place in city cultural centers, music conservatories, concert halls, and public auditoriums. Even though the

sponsoring churches only have from 40 to 70 members each, attendance at these concerts was from 200 to 500.

In large cities such as Jaen, Granada, Cordoba, and Seville, where Baptist work is in its beginning stages, the Singing Churchmen helped give Baptists a public identity and presented a positive witness through music. The program was at the same time professional and inspiring.

The Baptist Mission to Spain (organization of Southern Baptist Missionaries) and the Spanish Baptist Union are indebted to the Mississippi Baptist Convention and especially to the churches who helped finance the participation of their ministers of music for making the mission tour possible. We are also grateful for the gift of the handbells and the 50 Spanish Baptist Hymnals which the Churchmen left for use here. We in Spain believe that the results of this mission tour will be seen for weeks, months, and even years to come.

Thank you, Mississippi Baptists, for this direct contribution to foreign missions.

In July we will be furloughing in the Missionary Residence of the 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

In Christ,
O. Errol Simmons

Allen Calls For Unity

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church to carry out its missions task."

Anne Davis, a professor in social work education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., called on the SBC, to take steps to make young women aware of the difficulties facing them if they answer God's call to enter denominational work.

She said that too many young women arrive at Baptist seminaries thinking a degree will guarantee them a place in denominational life.

"Our denomination in its literature and through other processes must begin earlier to acquaint young women called of God to what may be in store for them if they answer that call."

Davis said it is more difficult for a woman to pursue a denominational career today than 20 years ago.

Laura Fry, women's evangelism consultant for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said some women need to become more conscious of the role they can assume in Southern Baptist life. Too often, women are ruled out of jobs just because they have always been occupied by a man, she contended.

"Just the suggestion that it could be filled by a woman often opens doors," she said.

The gathering of WMU members was replete with biblical dramatizations, interviews with pastors and missionaries and brief messages describing the life-changing results that had come through association with the woman's organization.

Mrs. A Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., and Mrs. William Ellis of Shelbyville, Ky., were elected to their fifth one-year terms as WMU president and recording secretary, respectively.

Mississippians

At least three persons from Mississippi were participants in the WMU annual meeting. Two were panel members during features called Missions Cluster. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, served on a panel for a feature titled "Churches Reaching Out in My State and Around the World." Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, was on a panel for a feature titled "Pastors and Women's Missionary Union Working Together through the Church."

Pages serving during the convention were the six members of the National Advisory Panel of Acts. One of the pages was Susan Washburn of Blue Mountain.

Top Ten Givers

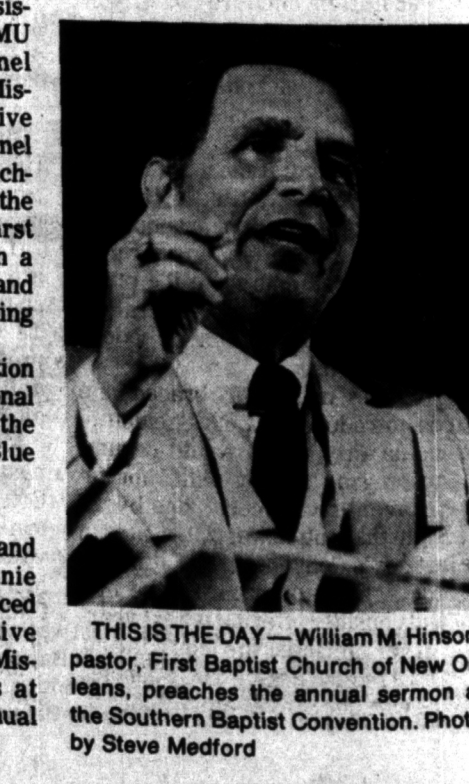
The top 10 churches in both total and per capita gifts to the 1978 Annie Armstrong Offering were announced by William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, during ceremonies at Woman's Missionary Union's annual meeting.

Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main, Houston, received a plaque from Tanner for the church's offering of \$22,951, which was the largest offering from a church.

G. William Grady, pastor of Sunny Hills, also got a plaque for the church's offering of \$1,624.36 which averaged \$36.09 for each of the 45 resident members. This was the highest per capita gift.

The mission board compiled the lists of top 10 churches from 1978 uniform church letters on file with the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Nine other churches leading in total gifts received letters of commendation and a book. They were First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, \$19,322; First Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss., \$17,054; First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., \$15,641; First Baptist Church of Houston, \$15,440; First Baptist Church of San Antonio, \$15,104; Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta, \$14,902; First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., \$13,962; First Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga., \$13,922; and Wieuca Road Baptist Church of Atlanta, \$13,308.



THIS IS THE DAY — William M. Hinson, pastor, First Baptist Church of New Orleans, preaches the annual sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention. Photo by Steve Medford

Messengers Elect Rogers, Continue Missions Thrust

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sengers adopted an \$83 million Cooperative Program budget goal for 1979-80 and suggested a \$226 million goal for all state conventions to help finance their Bold Mission plan.

Elected first vice-president of the convention was Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., who earlier had been nominated as a candidate for president.

Second Vice-President

Don Touchton, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla., and an active member of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, was chosen second vice-president in a run-off with Homer Lindsay Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

In another election which passed by almost without comment, the convention elected Harold C. Bennett of Nashville as convention treasurer, a position he will hold as the new executive director-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, effective Aug. 1.

Bennett succeeds Porter W. Routh, who has held the position for 28 years and is retiring July 31. Routh, who delivered his last major address to the convention in that role, was honored with a resolution of appreciation adopted for his significant contribution to Southern Baptist life.

During debate on a motion proposed by Ernie White of St. Joseph, Mo., calling on the convention to "disavow overt political activity" in the election of officers, former SBC President Wayne Dehoney, of Louisville, Ky., leveled charges of "overt political activities" at Houston Appellate Court Judge Paul Pressler, whom Dehoney claimed was an "illegal" messenger to the SBC.

After messengers approved the motion, Pressler made a tearful personal privilege speech, defending his use of "skyboxes," where he and others watched convention proceedings. He denied he was an illegal messenger, although he was elected by First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Tex., where he is an "honorary member."

Pressler denied that he and others encouraged local and area churches to bus messengers to the convention for the election, and that some churches had more than the maximum of 10 messengers.

Shortly after adoption of the motion on "overt political activity," the messengers adopted a motion by local registration chairman James Varner of Houston which instructed registration secretary Lee Porter of Nashville to investigate "registration irregularities" and report to the SBC Executive Committee in September any suggested procedures to correct the problem while maintaining the integrity of the ballot system.

Won the Presidency

Rogers won the presidency on a vote of 6,129 out of 11,975 ballots cast, a majority margin of 163 votes. He would have had to receive 5,967 votes to win on the first ballot, or be thrown into a runoff with Robert E. Naylor, retired president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Rogers said he supported such an investigation of irregularities, but added he had "doubts in my own heart" that there were widespread abuses of registration and balloting. "I believe there has been no plot or plan or movement to do anything like that, and I would be disappointed in anyone who would make such an accusation."

In his first news conference as president, Rogers pledged "100 percent support" for continuing the emphasis in the SBC of Bold Mission Thrust, and assured Baptists he would not support a "witch hunt" investigation of "liberalism" in SBC seminaries.

Rogers said he would support such an investigation of seminaries "if it were done by a committee that is fair and balanced," but the convention took no action during the sessions later to initiate such an investigation.

Rogers assured Baptists, "I want to be a good, conservative, soul-winning, Bible-believing, church building pastor and convention president."

Later the convention adopted a resolution expressing "gratitude to our seminaries" in the face of accusations questioning the doctrinal integrity of seminary staff and faculty members. The resolution encouraged anyone who questions the doctrinal integrity of seminary faculty members to lodge their complaints and charges directly with the boards of trustees of the respective seminaries.

Annual Report

When the presidents of the six seminaries presented their annual report to the convention, messengers applauded comments from the presidents that there has been no liberalism and deviation from biblical orthodoxy on their campuses.

Later messengers were braced for a motion introduced by Eli Sheldon of Oklahoma City which would require establishing a "loyalty oath" for future convention officers; but by an oversight the motion was not printed in the last day's Convention Bulletin, and Sheldon agreed to withdraw the motion and consider offering it next year.

In other actions the convention adopted a motion asking SBC agencies to work with the SBC Annuity Board in

considering the development of a uniform retirement program for all SBC agencies, asked the Christian Life Commission to organize a coalition of religious bodies to establish a committee to evaluate and label television programs, and accepted a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee against establishing a seventh theological seminary.

Messengers rejected several other proposals, including a motion to prohibit the home and foreign mission boards from appointing ordained women as missionaries, a motion requiring the Sunday School Board to include temperance lessons in Sunday School quarterlies, and a third asking for a special committee to study financial practices of SBC agencies.

Out of 37 resolutions introduced, re-

solutions on 20 subjects were adopted.

Resolutions endorsed the SALT nuclear disarmament treaties and encouraged peacemaking, urged increased U.S. overseas development assistance to combat world hunger, decried violence and child abuse in America, reaffirmed the 1976 SBC stance on abortion, urged Congress to defeat legislation to rewrite the 1934 Communications Act providing for "public interest" religious broadcasts, advocated more stringent energy conservation efforts by Baptists, and supported the preservation of family farms.

Other resolutions condemned a proposal Internal Revenue Service procedure which would deny tax exemption to church schools which fail to prove they are not racially dis-

criminatory; urged Baptists to develop creative ministries to minister to migrant farm workers suffering from poverty, disease, and malnutrition; decried pornography as a "moral cancer" in society; encouraged Christian stewardship as a powerful anti-inflationary force; and opposed increases in second-class mailing costs for religious publications.

H. Edwin Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will preach the convention sermon next year in St. Louis. The alternate will be James Graves of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The convention voted to hold its 1984 session in Kansas City and its 1985 meeting in Dallas. (Compiled from Baptist Record and Baptist Press reports.)



GATEWAY OF FLAGS — Southern Baptist missionaries walked a path marked by flags as they appeared before an estimated crowd of 48,000 attending the Bold Mission Thrust Dedication Rally at the Astrodome.



EVERYBODY SING! — Cliff Barrows, music director for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, leads a 4,000 voice choir and 44,000 other participants in singing "Amazing Grace" at the Bold Mission Thrust Dedication Rally in the Astrodome.

SBC Taps Rogers, McCall, Touchton

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tist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and Abner McCall, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Rogers, who is 48, was born in West Palm Beach, Fla., and was captain of his high school football team. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and a master of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Abner McCall, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, was elected first vice-president of the Convention in a run-off election.

T. A. Patterson, who retired in 1973 after 13 years as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas to become executive vice-president of World Evangelism Foundation, ran against McCall in the run-off.

McCall, nominated by Bill Hinson, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, received 2,905 votes on the run-off ballot or 54.44 percent of the votes. Patterson, nominated by John Morgan, pastor of Sagemon Baptist Church, Houston, received 2,431 votes or 45.56 percent.

McCall has been Baylor's president since 1961 and was executive vice-

president for two years before that. He previously served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and dean of Baylor's Law School. He has been president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and a trustee of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

The other nomination in earlier balloting was Charles Harvey, pastor of Sunset Acres Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

In another run-off election, Don Touchton, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla., was elected second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Touchton, pastor of the 400-member church, was nominated as a "great pastor of a small church" who will represent the majority of Southern Baptist churches which are not large "super churches."

Touchton received 56.89 percent of the run-off votes against Homer C. Lindsay, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Other nominees in the first election for the second vice-presidency were Roy Ladd, pastor of Baptist Temple, Houston, and Milton Cunningham, pastor of Eocaton's Westbury Baptist Church and current president of the Texas Baptist Convention.

Pastors Hear Charge Of Liberalism In Schools

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no other reason than to elect Adrian Rogers as president of the Southern Baptist Convention," Criswell told the applauding pastors in the Houston Coliseum.

Although there was no connection between the two elections, the pastors later elected James T. Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas, as their conference president. Draper once served under Criswell as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

A Texas Baptist evangelist, James Robison of Hurst, devoted most of his opening night address to an attack on liberalism in the denominations.

If Southern Baptists tolerate liberalism in the convention, "we will be guilty of the death" of the convention, Robison charged.

"We must elect a president (of the SBC) not only dedicated to the inerrancy of the word of God, but who will stand to remove any seminary president who doesn't believe in the inerrant word of God," Robison said.

Robison questioned how many seminary graduates have a zeal for winning people to Christ. "There are some," he noted, "but it's in spite of and not because of our institutions," he claimed.

He decried Baptist publications for editorially attacking Harold Lindsell, editor emeritus of Christianity Today and president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship who said it would be a small price to pay if 500,000 liberals left the SBC.

Robison argued that "without the Bible you have no message . . . no evangelism . . . no mission . . . and it does matter which Bible you believe."

Although criticism of liberalism and pleas for inerrancy of the Bible grabbed the headlines during the pastors' conferences, many of the sermons emphasized the need for strong preaching and for pastors to grapple with problems in the ministry.

William Ricketts, pastor of Price Avenue Baptist Church in Athens, Ga., observed that some pastors are defeated and discouraged and feel that if they could just go to some other church as pastor, everything would be all right.

"A lot of time in the pulpit, we (pastors) are like sounding brass and tinkling cymbals because we don't really believe what we are preaching, and don't really practice it in our lives," Ricketts said.

Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., attributed a decline in baptisms within the SBC to the lack of strong pastoral leadership.

Preaching on the pastor's role as shepherd, Henry quipped, "some churches want lap dogs, some want yip dogs, and some want lead dogs. God has called us as lead shepherds and you will find, nearly without ex-

Bold Mission Thrust Rally Fills Astrodome

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nary services. It was not his usual evangelistic message.

Graham told reporters he was honored "to call persons to life commitment to missions."

Graham urged his fellow Baptists toward an obsession with worldwide witness that would erupt in radical fervor.

"Go! Go! Go! Tell! Tell! Tell!" he shouted.

Quoting from the Bible and missionary history, he promised that Baptists have authority to go, a message to proclaim, people who need the message, and spiritual power to get the job done.

"God has given to our denomination visibility, acceptance, opportunity, leadership, and resources to take the spiritual initiative," Graham said. "There is no energy crisis with

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God," Graham said, suggesting that Baptists rely on God's Holy Spirit rather than on organization in Bold Mission Thrust.

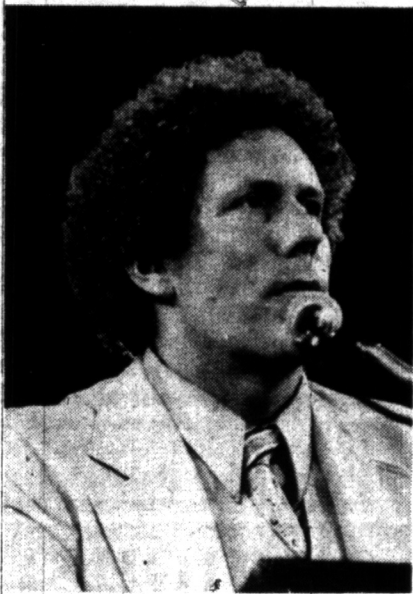
When Graham invited persons to dedicate their lives to missions, an estimated 3,000 flocked to the astroturf.

Kneeling amidst the cross of flags, they filed out commitment cards and prayed with missionaries serving as counselors.

Mission boards personnel will follow up later to enable persons to make formal applications for missions service.

Technical trouble with satellite connections wiped out video in some rally points across the nation.

After the Astrodome was almost empty, choir members and technical staff spontaneously sang the doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."



FROM GRIDIRON TO SERVICE CORPS — Scott Appleton, former professional football player shared his testimony with participants at the Bold Mission Thrust Dedication Rally at the Astrodome. The former All-American from the University of Texas is now a Mission Service Corps volunteer.

Missionary's Son Killed In Crash

ABILENE, Texas (BP) — Hoke Smith III, son of Southern Baptist missionary Wanda Smith and the late Hoke Smith Jr., died in Abilene, Texas, Sunday, June 10, following a motorcycle-car collision.

Details were unavailable. Smith, 21, was a musician in Abilene. He attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene during the 1977-78 term.

A June 14 funeral service in Longview, Texas, was pending the arrival of Smith's mother and brother from Cali, Colombia, and a sister from Guatemala.

The victim was born in Belton, Texas, while his missionary parents were on furlough. Since her husband's death in 1970, Mrs. Smith has taught music at International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali.

caption, that the churches that are doing business with God are marked with strong pastoral shepherds."

Another speaker, Clark G. Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., pointed out that the churches that are winning the world to Christ are the ones that are "grounded on the word (of God) and controlled by the Spirit."

James A. Ponder of Jacksonville, director of evangelism for the Florida Baptist Convention, contended that many pastors have lost the cutting edge of their ministry, and urged the pastors to restore their effectiveness by confessing their failures.

Ralph Stone, pastor of North Jacksonville Baptist Church in Jacksonville, encouraged pastors to have a positive attitude and to face every problem "as an opportunity for God to show his greatness."

Another Florida pastor, Bobby Welch of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, urged the pastors to get excited about the person of Jesus, the program of Jesus, and the power of Jesus.

An Alabama pastor, Jimmy Jackson of Huntsville, cautioned the pastors against committing "the sin of quenching the Holy Spirit," adding that "most of us are guilty of it right now."

The pastors' conference closed with a stirring sermon on the glory of God by Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., and a patriotic appeal by Charles F. Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Warning that America is headed down the pathway toward socialism and humanism, Stanley charged that "we are about to lose our republic." Part of the blame, according to Stanley, is liberalism among the nation's churches.

Stanley decried trends toward communism and socialism in America, attacks on the American home, gross immorality and the flood of pornography and drugs in America a welfare system "that promotes laziness and slothfulness," and government red tape leading to the demise of the small business in America.

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Editorials

Bold Mission Rally . . .

SBC's Finest Moment

The elderly missionary couple walked across the sheets of plywood protecting the astroturf in Houston's Astrodome as they made their way to the aisle where scores of people of all ages were filing out of the seats to make commitments to missions.

They walked with a sense of purpose and their attitude seemed to be one of both pride in their role and humility in their part in it. They walked in style as she had her hand in the crook of his arm.

They were participating in what may have been the finest moment in Southern Baptist history. They were a part of the Bold Mission Rally that was the Wednesday night session of the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention.

During the invitation time that followed an address by Billy Graham, more than 1,200 people came to the platform to indicate decisions committing themselves to missions in whatever way they might be used.

Almost 50,000 persons were in the Astrodome for the rally. Surely it was a service that will live in the memories of all who were in attendance and hopefully also in the minds of many thousands more who were watching all

across the nation in church auditoriums and in their homes. Truly it was the finest hour of an interesting convention. One's heart could not help but be touched as 1,100 volunteers walked out onto the field at the beginning of the service accompanied by 1,100 others who had pledged to support them. One could not help but be touched as he listened to 50,000 voices joining in song.

Nothing of this magnitude had been tried before. It had been the dream of Jimmy Allen, who has just completed his service as president, and he saw his dream fulfilled. It was the first time there has been such a gigantic attendance at a session of the Southern Baptist Convention, and it was the first time that a session has been on nationwide television. Until recently such a thing would have been too expensive. Now it is possible by satellite transmission. There is no way of imagining what impact this concept might have on the future sessions of the convention.

It was an interesting convention, and a great part of the interest revolved around the election of the president and the events leading up to it.

Probably Adrian Rogers received the largest vote ever recorded for a president. He won the election without a runoff in a field of six. A great part of the remainder of the week was spent in discussions of what his election meant.

Who knows what its full meaning was, and any attempts to come to some kind of a conclusion would have to be labeled only speculation.

If one might be allowed an opinion, one will be presented. It seems likely that the election by such a large vote could have been a groundswell coming from pastors who had been attending conventions for years and having little opportunity to have an effect on its actions.

There were reports of registration irregularities and multiple votes by individuals, but the result probably could not have been changed.

The vote could have been one of insisting on a doctrinal position; but when all of the exterior is pulled away and all of the froth is eliminated from statements that are being used as counter positions, it seems that everyone is saying about the same thing.

The doctrinal flap could have been

more a smoke screen than the real issue.

On Sunday night Evangelist James Robison had those attending the Pastors' Conference applauding and shouting as he blazed away at the establishment. One felt a quarrelsome generation had been raised. The next night a sermon on glory by Jerry Vines had not the same attacks but evoked the same responses. Then one got the idea that the audience was made up of people who just wanted to express themselves. With the nomination of Adrian Rogers it could be that they found a man who represented a change in the order. Their desire for expression may have carried over into the convention the next day.

They appreciated the seminars. Most of them probably were graduates. They surely appreciated the ability and dedication to the task of Jimmy Allen as president.

But the old order had been in the saddle for a long time. Maybe they just saw an opportunity to take part in a change and decided to follow through on it.

No one will ever know for sure.

Religious Educators Pray For Unity

By Larry Crisman

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — William Pinson literally brought his audience to its knees here at the closing session of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association here.

After delivering a fiery speech in which he called for Baptist unity in a "crisis hour," the president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., asked about 450 persons attending the session in Houston's First Baptist Church to go to their knees in prayer.

"God didn't bring us to Bold Mission to splinter," Pinson declared. "I pray you will be agents of unity this week in Houston."

Pinson, who spoke on "The Religious Educator: Agent for Bold Mission," said since arriving in Houston for the Southern Baptist Convention, he has seen "friends for life at each other's throats."

He referred to the issue of inerrancy of Scripture brewing at the annual convention.

"Let's kneel and pray for unity," he said. "Let's make personal commitments to be agents for change this week."

"Crisis Hour"

According to Pinson, because of the possibility of convention division over inerrancy and the challenge of Bold Mission Thrust, Southern Baptists face "the greatest crisis hour" in their history.

Not since the "financial catastrophe of the 1930's" have Baptists faced such pivotal crossroads, he said.

"I'd hate to see it (the convention) tumble into division," he said. "We must believe the whole Bible and not just part of it. It may cost some of you your jobs."

Pinson called on Southern Baptists to "breathe fire" into their churches if they want to ensure the success of Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC plan to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world in this century.

"When the people of God want to stay in Jerusalem all the time and when they do not want to go out into the uttermost, they get sick spiritually," he remarked. "Until Southern Baptists get serious about the going, we won't grow."

Pinson's speech climaxed a two-day agenda which focused on a theme of "Religious Education: Key to Bold Mission."

Lawrence Klempnauer, minister of education of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, was elected president for 1979-80. President-elect is J. Roger Skelton, professor of religious education/church administration, Golden Gate Seminary.

Officers

Other new officers include Roy Lee Williams, Union Baptist Association, Houston, vice-president, field services group; Thelma Williamson, director of childhood education, First Baptist Church, Ferguson, Mo., vice-president, church workers group; F. Marvin Myers, administration consultant, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, secretary-treasurer; and Tim Holcomb, minister of education,

Polytechnic Baptist Church, Fort Worth, assistant secretary-treasurer. Miss Williamson formerly was a consultant with the Mississippi Sunday School Department; Holcomb formerly served on the staff of First, Jackson, as director of the Singles ministry.

Besides Pinson's speech, other highlights of the two-day meeting included addresses by Peter Wagner, professor of church growth at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., and Jesse C. Fletcher, president of Harding University, Abilene, Mo.

Sunday School

"As goes the Sunday School, so goes the church," Wagner said in a speech Monday morning.

SBC Resolution Honors Routh

HOUSTON, — Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here honored retiring executive secretary-treasurer of its executive committee Wednesday by adopting a resolution declaring that "Southern Baptists are better people because of his work among them."

Routh, whose retirement takes effect July 31, has served in the chief administrative post for the denomination since 1951.

Before that he served as secretary of survey for the Baptist Sunday School Board, as editor of the Baptist Mes-

senger of Oklahoma, as secretary of Brotherhood and promotion for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and as instructor in journalism at Oklahoma Baptist University.

The Lockhart, Texas native, who will be 68 on July 14, was cited as leading the denomination in its period of most extensive growth. During his 28 years as executive secretary-treasurer the number of SBC congregations increased from 20,289 to more than 35,000, while church membership grew from 7,373,498 to more than 13

million. Contributions to the denomination's Cooperative Program method of financing its missionary and educational programs have increased from \$21.5 million to \$150 million and total mission gifts from \$37.2 to \$318.3 million.

The resolution paid tribute to Routh's "personal dedication to Jesus Christ, his personal discipline as an accomplished administrator and leader and his personal loyalty to Baptist ideals and causes."

Letters To The Editor

Lindsell Defended

Editor:

Finally the time has come to speak up. I just finished reading the latest issue of the Baptist Record and read another article putting down Harold Lindsell. I am tired of the insults given him by the Record and insinuations of his "insanity" since quote "If a yoke of them fails to believe in the virgin birth of Christ, the complete inspiration of the Scripture, a literal hell, and the bodily return of Christ he has kept quiet about it." This shows the writer's ignorance and lack of knowledge of what is going on in the Southern Baptist schools across the country.

I have read Lindsell's book and know from experience what he says is true. I graduated four years ago from a Southern Baptist college and can tell you right now that not one member of the religion department held to any of the above truths. No, they would not say that openly; they know they would be expelled. But sit under their teaching and they deny the virgin birth and the inspiration of Scripture by everything else they say.

The writer might not believe there are any liberals in the convention; but it's time he opened his eyes, read between the lines, sorted out their high-sounding talk, and exposed them for what they really are. It's time to get off Lindsell's back and investigate seriously his claims before throwing out his accusations as bizarre. That would be the only fair thing to do for a fellow Christian.

Chris Gibbs
Jackson

You have made the same blanket accusation that Harold Lindsell has made in the newspapers without offer-

ing proof or specifics. With such a blanket accusation you accuse all Southern Baptist institutions; and while there may be problems that need examination, by no means should all Southern Baptist professors of religion stand under a blanket of accusation. Specifics should be examined by the trustees first, so that they can be dealt with properly. If the trustees should fail to take proper recognition of a documented problem, then the public should be made aware of it.

I must submit that you didn't read Dr. Lindsell previously in the Baptist Record, for this is the first time he has been mentioned, to my knowledge, for many months. And please read the editorial again. He has said that there are upwards of 500,000 liberals in the SBC. We simply questioned his figures and pointed out that nothing can be done about them anyway unless there are those among them who are professors in Southern Baptist-related institutions. Then, the editorial says, we should deal with the matter. But first, we must know who they are.

You will recall that this paper reported the actions that the University of Richmond took in dealing with such a situation as you are discussing. — Editor

Help For Colorado

Editor:

This is a help letter. Like so many mission areas in our country we need help in a special area in Colorado.

We need families that would come to the Vail-Eagle Valley and help us win people to Jesus.

The job opportunities are great. The following opportunities are available: School Teachers, Cooks, Sheriff Officers, Secretaries, Receptionist, Book-

keepers, Electricians, Beauticians, Meat Cutters, Carpenters, and many more.

If a person wants to combine missions with recreation plus a beautiful area to live, please contact Leon B. Hataway, pastor of the Lake Creek Baptist Church, P. O. Box 31, Edwards, Colorado, 81632.

Thank you for your help.

Leon B. Hataway

SS Enrollment

Dear Editor:

I detected a note of sarcasm in the letter to the editor in the April 5 issue of The Baptist Record. The letter was from a member of Wade Baptist Church in Jackson Association. Wade Church had been recognized for having the most baptisms for the church year. Dundee Church was number one of the top 20 churches with the greatest net increase in Sunday school enrollment.

The writer felt that both recognitions were good. She seemed to belittle having one's name on the Sunday school roll as many have said she would rather have her name in the Lamb's Book of Life. Why not have it in both books?

The Great Commission tells us to "teach them," reach and baptize them, and then "teach them" some more. More people have been reached for Christ through the Sunday school than by any other way. We need to enroll every person in Sunday school; likewise, we need to reach them for salvation.

James K. Burke
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Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

A Higher Type Of Beauty

Though I was not in Houston last week, I was interested in the city and what was going on there, so I decided to do a little background reading.

I was reminded that Houston was named for Sam Houston, general of the Texas army that won independence from Mexico, and president of the Republic of Texas. The city, largest in Texas and sixth largest in the nation, has experienced tremendous growth since a small riverboat landing was established on Buffalo Bayou by Allen brothers in August, 1836.

Today it is one of the nation's largest seaports, and headquarters of the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. The city has some unusual buildings, such as the ultramodern Alley Theater and the magnificent Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, with its series of ascending terraces and its grand lobby above which Richard Lippold's Gemini II sculpture floats in a curve toward the 66-foot ceiling.

The Astrodome is a \$100 million entertainment complex encompassing Astrodome, Astrohall, and Astroarena. Astrohall is one of the world's largest exhibition centers and home of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Astroarena contains 6,000 theater-type seats. Astrodome, where a history-making Southern Baptist Convention rally was held one night last week, is the world's first air-conditioned domed stadium. An 18-story building would fit inside it.

Man-made buildings can be and often are beautiful. Then there are other kinds of beauty. Last week I described my vacation visit to Tishomingo Park, and hinted at some beauties of nature I saw there. Friday I got a letter from my friend, Mrs. Rosalee Appleby, author, and retired missionary to Brazil, who lives in Canton. She pointed out a third type of beauty. I want to share with you a part of her letter:

"Thank you for the beautiful little message in 'Faces and Places.' The thought came that if there is such loveliness in the natural, material things, how much more is it worthwhile to see the spiritual beauty God meant for our inner eyes? Paul hinted of this when he said, 'Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.'"

"Though Paul was modest and restrained in mentioning the touches of glory throughout his life we do have the gates ajar to see a few of the touches of loveliness of spiritual glory — on the road to Damascus; from Troas as he saw the man of Macedonia; out of prison darkness in Philippi; a message of peace in a vision at Corinth; out of the storm on the way to Rome."

"God opened the inner eye of John the beloved to see glories of the other world."

"Days such as today are so beautiful I feel as Antonina Canzonieri: 'Oh, do not make another day That flaunts its wild perfection so Till I am stilled from this.'"

"Make all next week a quiet grey. Mortality can scarcely bear Perfection's endless kiss."

"But the beauty God's Spirit implants in our lives surpasses this and is higher than natural beauty as the heavens are higher than the earth: the thoughts and loveliness on the inner screen of our hearts. A singer of Israel said, 'Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.' He could have said: 'Let the beauty of the Lord our God be in us.'"

"If mortality 'can scarcely bear perfection's kiss' in nature, in the world around us, think of celestial bliss in the world to come that may be ours forever! . . ."

Book Reviews

THE VICTOR by Victor Landero as told to Bob Owen with David M. Howard (Fleming H. Revell, paper, \$3.95, 157 pp.) Victor Landero owned a cantina in a little village in Colombia. His customers danced, drank, and enjoyed the women in his brothel. Then, one day, they noticed that their friend had changed. Rumors spread that Victor had become a Christian. This book tells about amazing things that happened in the village, as the Lord worked through Victor and his brothers to heal the sick and establish churches.

EUROPE AT THE CROSSROADS by Wallace Henley (Good News Publishers, 118 pp., paper, \$3.50). In this thought-provoking book a reporter looks at Europe's spiritual crisis. He says that the Continent of the Reformation and the Renaissance is today in a spiritual void and is looking for "something beyond pessimism and despair." He analyzes the influence of three of Europe's "strong internal voices" — Francis Schaeffer, Os Guinness, and Jacques Ellul, and searches out the opinions of a variety of Christian leaders on the state and future of the European church. Henley has been a staff assistant to the President of the United States, religion editor for the Birmingham News, pastor, and conference leader.

A STEP FURTHER by Joni Eareckson and Steve Estes (Zondervan, \$6.95, 192 pp.) This is a deeply moving and well thought out book on the puzzle of suffering. The author, Joni Eareckson, knows about suffering, for she has been paralyzed since 1967 when she broke her neck diving into Chesapeake Bay. The book is illustrated by Joni, who paints with a brush between her teeth. The chapters on divine healing and on prayers and promises reveal a real person who has opened herself up to God and to others. They reveal a happy person. There are glimpses of Joni's family and their farm in Maryland and of the young man, Steve Estes, who collaborated with Joni in the writing. Joni's strug-

gles and lessons can find application in the life of any reader, and the final chapter, Heaven, is worth the price of the book. —AWM

CLOCK WISE by George M. Bowman (Fleming H. Revell, \$5.95, 127 pp.) This book provides clear-cut methods for self-management, setting the right goals, delegating authority, effective communication, decision making, and handling nuisance calls. It points out many of the pitfalls that hinder successful time management: a cluttered desk, lack of planning, the wrong values, excessive involvement, unnecessary telephone calls. The author is a newspaper editor.

THE CHRISTIAN EXECUTIVE by Ted W. Engstrom and Edward R. Dayton (Word Books, \$9.95, 216 pp.) This is a sequel to THE ART OF MANAGEMENT FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS. Both authors express concern that God's work be done in God's way — the best way. They look at management as a matter of relationships — a person's relationship to God as Creator, to other members of the body of Christ, and with all men. The book is addressed to Christian executives — Christian businessmen and managers in Christian organizations. Dayton and Engstrom present practical and workable principles in three broad categories — You and Yourself, You and Others, You and the Organization.

STRATEGY FOR LEADERSHIP by Edward R. Dayton and Ted W. Engstrom (Fleming H. Revell, 240 pp., \$8.95) This book is written for the pastor, committee member, trustee, youth leader, or executive. It will direct any of these persons toward the challenge of establishing and meeting priorities and goals, as set forth in the Scriptures, and pertaining to any organization, be it church-related, or not. Such chapters as "The Anatomy of an Organization"; "Where Do You Begin?"; "The Planning Conference"; and "The Overall Approach" offer help to those interested in increasing the effectiveness of their organization.

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Resolutions Endorse SALT, Touch Wide Range Of Issues

Messengers to the 122nd meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention adopted resolutions which endorsed the SALT agreement with the Soviet Union, went on record in support of public schools, reaffirmed earlier statements on abortion, and called for increased U.S. overseas development assistance to combat world hunger.

Other resolutions passed during the business session dealt with domestic violence, television programming, energy, alcohol, the family farm, the American Bible Society, and the role of students in the denomination's missions programs.

The SALT resolution puts the convention on record in support of the arms limitation agreement reached after more than seven years of negotiations with the Soviet Union.

In the U.S. Senate, however, debate over ratification of the treaty promises to present President Carter with one of the key foreign affairs tests of his administration.

The SBC resolution calls on the convention to communicate officially with members of the Senate "our strong support for responsible multilateral nuclear arms control and urge ratification of the current treaty as basically a step in the direction of multilateral arms control."

In addition, the resolution urges "future greater strides in multilateral nuclear arms reduction."

Sparse Attendance
Before adopting the resolution, messengers beat back a number of parliamentary maneuvers by opponents to defeat it or to postpone its consideration until a future session. Attendance was sparse during the resolutions debate.

Dillard Wilbanks, minister of education at the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga., failed in a move to have all references to SALT deleted from the resolution, which would have effectively scuttled the measure. He said it would be "presumptuous" of messengers to act when his own Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is still undecided on the pact.

Spirited debate also marked consideration of the resolution on "The Crisis in Education." But as in the debate on SALT, the resolutions committee's basic position prevailed.

Originally proposed to the convention by messenger Maurice Smith, pastor of the Park Forest Baptist Church, Dallas, the resolution urges Southern Baptists to become more involved in shaping and supporting public schools. It also expressed commitment to "quality education for every child" in America.

During floor debate on the statement, minor amendments were made expressing support for private, church-related schools as well.

After agreeing to the amendment, however, several messengers discussed heatedly the merits of public schools. Larry Smith, of Deer Park, Texas, said the "greatest mistake the church ever made" in America was to "let education get in the hands of the state."

L. C. Trippett, of the 14th Avenue Baptist in Houston, echoed that view, referring to the federal government as "that octopus on the Potomac River" which is "trying to take over our lives." He also decried HEW Secretary Joseph Califano's call for a new department of education and the teaching of what he called "socialist" professors in university schools of education.

Other Side
On the other side, messenger Ray Spears of Marks, Miss., drew applause when he expressed the view that poor

children should not be consigned to the "fate of an interior and inadequate education."

Orion Bell of Louisville, Ky., disputed the argument of excessive government control of schools by declaring, "We can control our local schools if we are involved in them."

The resolutions committee's proposal on abortion called for a simple reaffirmation of a statement on the subject adopted by the convention in 1976. That same resolution was also reaffirmed last year.

A persistent band of anti-abortion advocates has continued to push for a more blanket condemnation of abortion, however. One of its key objectives is to put the convention on record in support of a constitutional amendment which would bar abortion except in extreme cases when the life of the mother is at stake.

William Hillis, a Maryland physician who teaches at the Johns Hopkins University medical school and served on the resolutions committee, asked messengers not to endorse such an amendment or other restrictive legislation, arguing that physicians should be given room to help patients decide when an abortion should be chosen.

That is essentially the position of the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in 1973 that most restrictive state abortion laws violated a woman's right to privacy and that abortions in the first three months of pregnancy should be available to women in consultation with their physicians.

Opponents of the high court decisions have maintained, however, that the rulings opened the floodgates of "abortion on demand" and have sought to reverse the effect of the rulings by pushing through Congress an anti-abortion amendment to the Constitution.

Bob Posey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bogata, Tex., seemed to express the viewpoint of the large majority of messengers who approved the resolution when he said, "I don't think a layman can make a decision that only a physician can make" on when to perform an abortion.

On Hunger

In a debate on hunger, the convention likewise adopted the resolutions committee's statement urging Congress to appropriate funds for overseas development and calling on Southern Baptists "to engage in strong and active Christian citizenship efforts to alleviate hunger."

Amendments to two phrases in the resolution's text were debated but overwhelmingly rejected. Preston Callison, an attorney from Columbia, S.C., and a member of the SBC executive committee, objected to the call for congressional action "which will help those who are hungry and not merely line the coffers of the already privileged elite."

Callison expressed concern that the phrase appeared to put the convention on record against the free enterprise system. When resolutions committee chairman Charles Myers, a Jackson, Miss. pastor, explained that the phrase was designed to refer to the problem of hunger assistance being diverted from the overseas poor to the pockets of foreign bureaucrats, Callison's amendment was easily turned aside.

The resolution also was challenged for declaring that hunger destroys more lives than the total victims claimed by the 1945 U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Hitler's death camps in Europe.

Billy Hickman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Broken Bow, Okla., told messengers that the references to the Japanese cities leveled by U.S.

bombs cast those military actions in a bad light.

When Myers said that the committee chose to use the language merely to express graphically the numbers of persons dying from hunger, the amendment was defeated.

The resolution on domestic violence, referring to both child and spouse abuse, called the problem "one of the serious moral issues of our time," encouraged local churches to help meet the needs of victims, and urged "responsible public policy" to combat violence in the home.

On Television

On television programming, the convention urged Congress to defeat a current legislative effort to rewrite the Communications Act of 1934. That revision includes the elimination of the "public interest" provision in the 1934 law. Southern Baptists should also oppose legislation "that removes all restraints from an industry that has proven its unwillingness to restrain itself," the resolution declared.

The resolution on energy spoke of God as "the creator and owner of all energy resources" and called on Southern Baptists "to practice stringent conservation." It also asked government units and utility companies to build new nuclear power plants "only when the safety of their operation and waste disposal processes can be assured."

Another resolution reaffirmed Southern Baptists' traditional opposition to alcoholic beverages and called for a commitment "to minister compassionately to those who develop drinking problems and to relate to their families in redemptive ways."

On the problem of the loss of small farms, the messengers agreed to "support current efforts to preserve the family farm as a vital part of the food production system" in the nation. The resolution also expresses support for government policies aimed at alleviating the needs of family farmers.

Later messengers adopted overwhelmingly a substitute resolution condemning a proposed Internal Revenue Service procedure which would deny tax exemption to church schools which fail to prove they are racially nondiscriminatory.

The substitute, adopted after lengthy debate, replaced a much milder statement proposed by the convention's resolutions committee which affirmed the principle of separation of church and state but fell short of denouncing the IRS proposal.

The messengers adopted without debate resolutions on migrant workers, pornography, inflation, and second class mailing costs.

The controversy over appropriate convention response to the proposed revenue procedure by the IRS has been brewing in recent weeks.

The substitute resolution passed by the convention essentially takes the viewpoint that the basic issue in the IRS proposal is the separation of church and state rather than racism.

W. Wayne Allen, pastor of East Park Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., which operates Briarcrest Baptist School, presented the substitute resolution. On Tuesday he had introduced a similar statement condemning the IRS proposal. The resolutions committee had set aside that document to reach its compromise position. The substitute Allen presented was written by Baptist Joint Committee executive director James E. Wood Jr. and director of research services John W. Baker.

Near-Collision

The messengers diverted a near-collision on the floor over a phrase in the substitute referring to the Baptist Joint Committee "as this Convention's

spokesman to government."

After the Allen substitute had passed, resolutions committee chairman Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., moved that it be amended to say that the Washington agency is "one of" several Southern Baptist agencies which speak to government.

Wood argued that the Baptist Joint Committee "is the only agency with the program assignment . . . to speak to government."

But he was countered by John R. Claypool, of Northminster Church, Jackson, Miss., and chairman of the Christian Life Commission, who pointed to his agency's program of Christian citizenship development.

SBC president Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Texas, eventually cut off debate over the agency controversy by ruling that all references to both the Baptist Joint Committee and Christian Life Commission be deleted from the resolution because of a convention by-law prohibiting messengers from dealing with the internal affairs of the agencies.

That ruling now sends the controversy back to the two agencies to be worked out by Wood and CLC Executive Secretary Foy Valentine.

In another action, the messengers adopted without debate a resolution calling attention to problems of poverty, disease, and malnutrition among migrant farm workers and asked Southern Baptist agencies and individual church members to develop "creative ministries" to them.

On pornography, the convention called the problem a "moral cancer that continues to threaten the social health of our society," and commended citizens' groups and law enforcement agencies fighting it.

The statement on inflation says the underlying causes of the problem "are human greed and irresponsible spending" and asked both business and labor "to lower their demands for unreasonable price and wage increases." The resolution also asked Southern Baptist congregations "to give renewed emphasis to Christian stewardship as a powerful anti-inflationary force."

The resolution on second class mailing costs, introduced earlier in the convention by Ohio Baptist Messenger editor Theo Sommerkamp, calls attention to rapidly escalating postage costs for newspapers, magazines, and other church periodicals and asks President Carter and members of Congress to request the Postal Service Rate Commission to hold future rate increases to the President's cost of living guidelines.

Crowder Plans

Puppet Training

A seminar on the usefulness of professional-quality puppets as effective instructional tools is scheduled at the Crowder Church, Crowder, Miss. Tuesday, June 26, from 6:30 until 10:30 p.m.

The three and one-half hour training session will be conducted by professional puppeteers from Puppet Productions, Inc., a San Diego, Calif. company that has trained more than 45,000 persons in similar sessions.

Seminar sizes are limited to insure adequate personal attention so early registration is recommended. Individual registration fees are \$15.00 with reduced rates available for groups and families. For additional details and registration information, contact Martha Cannon (601) 563-9056

Central Hills Ready For June 25 Opening

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Thornton, Tom H. Raggett, Frank Moore, Don Meyer, Floyd Nesbitt, Cortez Hutchinson Jr. (minister of education/administration), Harrell Smith, Davis Hester, Chester Grisham, and Jack B. Manning. Eight of these men are in the Senior adult age bracket.

First Church, Grenada: Benny and Bud Edwards.

Calvary Church, Greenwood: Stan-

ley Rayburn, Bill Brunson, George Byrd Jr., Fred Palmertree, Jimmy Moore, and Gene Brunson.

First Church, Magnolia: Farris Smith, Blair Alford, Jimmy Alford, and Kenney O'Brien.

"We hope the boys who will be coming to camp this summer will enjoy this new facility and remember their week at Central Hills Baptist Retreat as something special," Griffin concluded.

Pelahatchie Project

One Woman Needed For Mission To Barbados

A handicraft-sewing project, July 26-Aug. 5, is being sponsored on Barbados by the Pelahatchie Baptist Church, with five other churches from Rankin County Association represented.

The women will be divided into three teams: eight to teach sewing to nationals; six to teach handicrafts at the Summerville School for Girls; and two to sew for missionary families.

Martha Nelson, wife of the pastor at Pelahatchie is coordinator for the project. She states that one more woman with crafts or sewing skills is needed.

The expenses will be \$640. Any woman interested in taking part in this project might call Mrs. Nelson at 854-8288 as soon as possible.

Elba Womack, missionary to Barbados, reports, "These women will bring fabric, sewing notions, and handicraft materials to be given to each person they teach. As they teach, they will also have a time of sharing Jesus with each girl."

They will make their headquarters at the Barbados Baptist College. As they leave Barbados they will travel to Guadeloupe for a few days, to see the mission work there.

Mrs. Nelson is coordinator for CARING TOUCH, which schedules mission projects and tours.

Other participants in the project are Mrs. Helen Alderman, Pelahatchie; Mrs. Clyde Nettles, First Brandon; Mrs. Clarice Johnson, Bethel; Mrs. Inez Leach, First Brandon; Mrs. Joyce Ishee, Pelahatchie; Mrs. Zane Townsend, Pelahatchie; Mrs. Elaine Carr, Puckett; Mrs. Cathy Allen, Puckett; Mrs. Nancy Burnham, Puckett; Mrs. Geraldine Calhoun, Puckett; Mrs. Judy Jones, Bethel; Mrs. Katie Dear, Star; Mrs. Gertrude Varner, Pelahatchie; Mrs. Grace Gideon, First, Florence.

Mayhalls Are Reappointed

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erty. He graduated from high school in Cleveland and attended Delta State. He graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

During World War II he served briefly in the U.S. Navy, and drove an ambulance in India and Burma for over a year. While overseas he had firsthand contact with Baptist mission work.

He married a college classmate, Ollie Mae Ware of Magee. They have four daughters, Ann, Janet, Ellen, and Gail.

Mrs. Mayhall graduated from Magee High School, Co-Lin Junior College, and Mississippi College, and received the M. Ed. degree from Delta State. In Washington County she was social worker for the Washington County Welfare Department for two and one-half years.

Nancy Aulds

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of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, she returned to Louisiana Tech as associate director of special work with students. While there, she did work on the master of science in home economics.

Miss Aulds was selected as the Outstanding Young Woman for 1978-79 by the Blue Mountain Jayettes.

Kindergarten Workers, Church Secretaries Invited To Conference At Gulfshore In July

Kindergarten/day care workers' and church secretaries' will be two of five special interest groups that will benefit from the Pastor / Church Staff Conference at Gulfshore July 9-11.

The skill and leadership development program will also be slanted toward pastors, ministers of education and youth, and wives of staff members. Up to eight hours of time will be given to each of the special interest meetings.

Judy Renick will direct the conference for kindergarten and day care workers, assisted by Bob Couch, Charlotte Moncriel, and Frances Welch.

Mrs. Renick is Child Find Project Director for the Hinds County Schools, working with handicapped and exceptional children and trying to find proper educational placement for them. She and her husband are members of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson. Mrs. Renick graduated from Mississippi College, and received the Master of Arts degree in counseling from LSU in New Orleans.

Couch is consultant with the Sunday School Department of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery. He is a graduate of Samford Uni-

versity and Southern Seminary, and previously held pastorates in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Alabama.

Charlotte Moncriel is consultant with Educational Activities, Inc. of Clinton.

Frances Welch is kindergarten director at Woodville Heights Church, Jackson, where she is a member of the adult choir, has sung with ensembles, directed children's choirs, and worked with preschoolers. She attended Southwest Junior College and Mississippi College.

Sample topics are "Being a Compatible Church Staff Member"; "Children's Worship"; "Caring for the Very Young"; "Presenting Jesus to the Preschooler"; "Budget Management"; "Discipline or Abuse?"; "How to Work with Handicapped Children"; "From a Parent's Point of View"; "Music for Preschool"; "Available Preschool Materials."

Secretaries

The Secretaries' Conference program will feature Dot Rieves, Barbara Maroney, and Dot Smith.

Mrs. Smith, office secretary, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will direct the conference.

Dot Rieves, who teaches business education at Tupelo High School, got a B.S. degree from Mississippi State and



Coach



Welch



Rieves



Smith

Master of Business Education from University of Mississippi. Currently she is president of the Mississippi Business Education Association. She and her husband are members of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Barbara Maroney is church secretary at Memorial Baptist Church, Metairie, La.

The secretaries' conference will consider such subjects as "The Church Office Designed to Serve — People, Pastor, Pests"; "Shortcuts to Better Filing"; "Pastor/Secretary Relationships"; "What's My Work and Who's My Boss"; "Basic Letter Writing"; "Time and Work Management Is My Need"; and "Preparing Church Communications."

Other special interest conferences will be held for pastors, ministers of education/youth, and for wives. Personnel for these will include Truman Brown, consultant, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Carl and

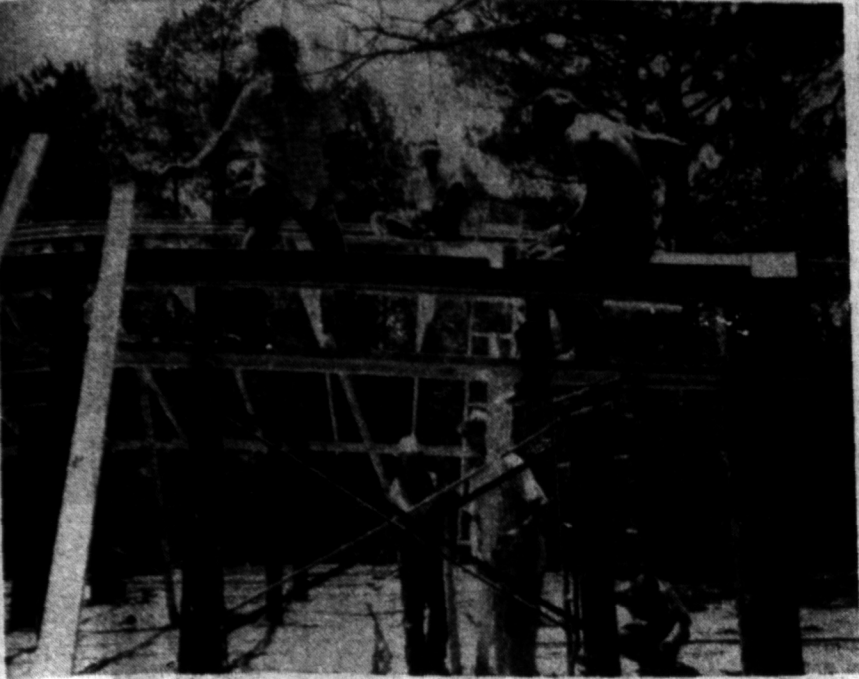
Martha Nelson, pastor and wife, of Pelahatchie; Will Beal, consultant with the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland.

Harold Shirley of First Church, Talladega, Ala., will lead the Bible study and Bill Clark of Jackson will direct the music for the general sessions.

Registration will begin Monday, July 9, at 10:00 a.m. The conference will adjourn Wed., July 11, at 11 a.m.

For further information write or call Leon Emery, director, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS (354-3704, ex. 215).

For specific information about reservations for the conferences at Gulfshore, contact Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571 or phone 452-7261.



Paul Harrell and Rusty Griffin work on the barn.



Work has been going on at a fast pace at Central Hills. The barn and swimming pool, both in the construction phase in the above pictures, have been completed and are ready for the opening of RA camps June 25.

Baptist Meetings At Brighton Remind Denomination Of Its Beginning

By C. E. Bryant
BRIGHTON, England — European Baptists traveling to their Congress June 27-July 1 and the journey of 250 Baptist leaders from 35 countries to meetings of the Baptist World Alliance, General Council here July 1-6 will be a pilgrimage of sorts to the beginnings of their denomination's modern history.
It was from this same England that John Smyth, Thomas Helwys and a small band of "separatists" crossed the English Channel to seek freedom from the British Crown's control of the Church of England and establish the first Baptist church in modern times in Amsterdam in 1608.
Smyth died in Amsterdam but Helwys returned to England with a remnant of the congregation to found a church in London in 1612 so that they might give their witness "where Satan's throne is."
Baptist congregations scattered across the island in the following years and then to other countries.
But trouble was evident again when authorities arrested a tinker's son and lay preacher, John Bunyan, for "unlicensed preaching," and sent him to Bedford jail for 12 years. Bunyan wrote nine books during his first prison sentence, then was arrested and jailed

again in 1672. During his second imprisonment he gave "Pilgrim's Progress" to the world — unmindful that he had written a classic that is still popular three centuries later.
BWA
Seeds for the founding of the Baptist World Alliance were planted soon after. Thomas Grantham, an English preacher, proposed as early as 1678 that "all congregations of the world that are baptized according to the appointment of Christ would make one consistory at least sometimes to consider matters of difference among them." A century later, 1790, John Rippon, a minister and hymnwriter, hoped that Baptist congregations of the world would send "a deputation from all these climes (to) meet probably in London to consult the ecclesiastical good of the whole."
From these seeds the Baptist World Alliance was organized in London in 1905. The estimated 3 million Baptists in the world at that time has grown to 34 million. The 14th Baptist World Congress will meet in Toronto, Canada July 8-13, 1980.
It was also from English soil that modern missionary movement was born. William Carey, a shoe cobbler in a village 14 miles from Kettering,

combined his studies of the Bible with a world map tacked to the wall of his workshop to develop an obsession for carrying the gospel message to India. He led in founding the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792 and with its support set sail for India. His translation of the Bible into various Indian vernaculars began a witness that now gives India the second largest Baptist population in the world (next to the USA).
English Hymns
English Baptists also have given the world some of its most beloved hymns. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," unofficial theme song of the Baptist World Alliance and a favorite in local congregations as well, was the work of Edward Peronet and John Rippon. "Blest Be The Tie That Binds our Hearts in Christian Love" also was written by an English pastor, John Fawcett.
The island's churches have produced some of the world's greatest pulpites: Andrew Fuller, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Alexander McLaren, John Clifford, Townley Lord, Raymond Brown, Rex Mason and Ronald Goulding, among others.
(Bryant is an Associate Secretary and Director of Communications for the Baptist World Alliance.)

Blue Mountain Offers Courses To Teachers Of Gifted Students

A certification program for teachers involved in education of the gifted student will be offered beginning June 25, by Blue Mountain College.
The program includes two courses each carrying three semester hours of college credit and will run two to three weeks. The two courses are "Psychology of the Gifted" and "Methods & Materials for the Gifted" and will be coordinated by Mrs. Brooks Marr of

Tupelo.
Instructors will be provided by Dorothy Sisk of Washington, D. C., national consultant for the gifted child program.
A tentative schedule has been set to run June 25 - July 13 but may be changed to meet the needs of teachers enrolled for the work. Information on times and cost may be obtained from the BMC registrar.

Woodville Heights Will Celebrate 20th Anniversary

Woodville Heights Church, Jackson, will celebrate its 20th anniversary on June 24. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, director, Christian Action Commission, will be the featured speaker at the celebration service at 1:15 p.m. that Sunday.
On June 28, 1959, Hensley met with a group of 37 Christians on a vacant lot at the corner of Forest Hill Road and Cooper Road to begin a new church. Since that time he has served the church as interim pastor on three occasions.
The time schedule for the June 24 day of celebration will be: Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.; worship and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; lunch at 12 noon; and the celebration at 1:15 p.m.
Carl Savell, pastor, states, "Members of Woodville Heights wish to extend an invitation to all friends and former members to join with us in celebrating what God has done in and through our fellowship."
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Staff Changes

Bernette Fielder is the new pastor of Gore Springs Church, Grenada County. He and his family moved into the field June 1 from Becker.

Fielder is married to the former Jeanette Blount of Carrollton. They have three children.
He has been pastor 20 years, the last ten in Tate and Clarke and Mississippi Colleges.

On Sunday, June 3, the church celebrated the coming of the Fielders with dinner on the grounds after the morning service, and an old-fashioned pounding for their pantry.

Reid Whittington has accepted a call as minister of education at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, and has moved there from a similar post at First, Gautier. He is a native of Jackson and a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Judy and their children, Lori, Chance, and Nick, were welcomed to Van Winkle with a reception on June 17. John Brock is the pastor.

Susan M. Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Clark of Jackson, has assumed the position of minister of music and youth at First Church, Coffeeville.
Miss Clark, who holds both the Master of Church Music and Master of Religious Education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, served as minister of music and youth in a small church in Azle, TX before coming to Coffeeville.

'Outstanding' Awards Go To Six At N. O.

NEW ORLEANS — Six graduating seniors were named as Outstanding Students for the 1978-79 academic year at the New Orleans Seminary during the annual awards day ceremonies recently.

Those named included Thomas Alexander Kinchen and Jerry Norman Barlow, representing the Master of Divinity degree program; Bayne Bagdanovich Pounds and Jerry Wayne Pounds, from the Master of Religious Education degree program; Thomas Arthur Wells, from the Master of Church Music degree program; and Jane Adele Kelly, from the School of Christian Training.

Barlow, who already has begun work in the Doctor of Theology degree program, received the Seminarian Award, presented by Broadman Press. He is pastor of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss., and has served at the Sylvarena Baptist Church, Wesson, Miss. A native of Waco, Texas, Barlow is a graduate of William Carey College.

Jerry Pounds and his wife Bayne both were chosen to receive awards from the Master of Religious Education degree program.

Prior to graduation, he was pastor of the Old Silver Creek Baptist Church, Silver Creek, Miss.

Students are chosen for the awards on the basis of "an uncommon measure of excellence in personal and spiritual qualities, academic and scholarly achievement, and capacity for Christian ministry," according to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, vice president for academic affairs at the Seminary.

John Slaughter, Retired Pastor, Dies In Colorado

John L. Slaughter, 82, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., from 1937 to 1952, and former president of the Alabama Baptist Convention, died May 29 in Boulder, Colo. He was a native of Fannin, Miss., in Rankin County, and a graduate of Mississippi State University.

At Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. he was a teaching fellow in systematic theology with the late E. Y. Mullins. After graduation from seminary he became pastor in 1925 at Leigh Street Church, Richmond, Va. When he left Birmingham in 1952 he went to the pastorate of First Church, Spartanburg, S.C. In 1959 he was president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, and the following year was vice president of the SBC.

Slaughter retired in 1967, but then joined Anderson College in South Carolina as administrative associate. In 1972 he and his late wife, Margaret Hooker Slaughter, moved to Boulder, Colo., where he became the first pastor of the East Boulder Baptist Church.

The funeral was June 1 at the East Boulder Church. Burial was at Denver.

Survivors include a son, John L. Slaughter, Jr., Miami, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Hardenbergh, Boulder; a brother, Blant Slaughter, Akron, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Jack C. (Emma) Ellis, Jackson, Miss.; and Mrs. Kathryn Wittichen, Coral Gables, Fla.

Bangalore, India — A small food supplement production center has opened at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital here. The food supplement for malnourished children is a high protein blend produced by hand. It will be used in the nutrition center, the hospital, community health projects and by other agencies involved in the care of malnourished children.

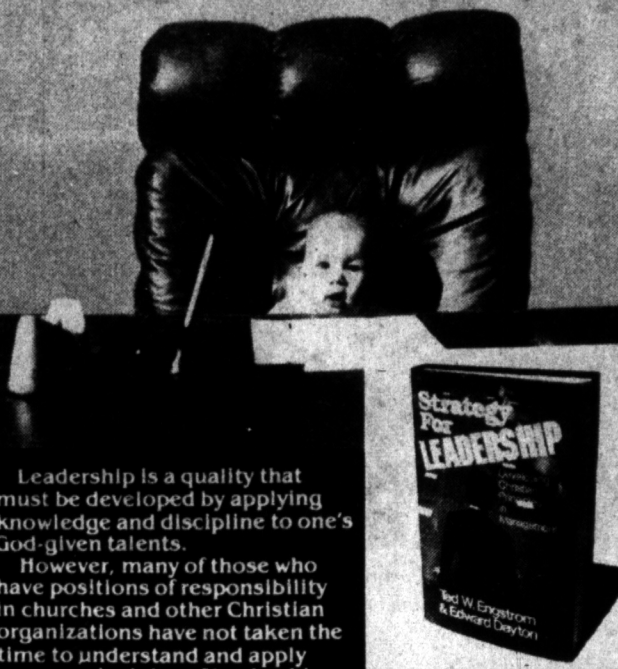
Retired Minister Dies At Age 79

Services were held recently at Pine Grove Church near Hickory Flat for Otis B. Renick, 79, who died at the Hattiesburg Convalescent Center after a lengthy illness. Burial was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

A 1929 graduate of Mississippi College, Renick had served as pastor of a number of churches in Covington, Stone, Perry, and George counties. He was also a teacher and principal of a number of schools in southern Mississippi.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Renick; four daughters, Mrs. Darlene Massey and Miss Twila Renick, both of Hattiesburg, Mrs. Linda Taylor of Pascagoula and Mrs. Dottie Buchanan of Clinton; two sons, Otis B. Renick, Jr. of Pascagoula and Bill Renick of Biloxi; five brothers, Dr. D. M. Renick and J. L. Renick both of Memphis, Leslie and Laben Renick of Hickory Flat, and Percy Renick of Lake Panasoffee, FL; three sisters, Mrs. Wilma Bumpas and Mrs. Annie Lou Farr, both of Hickory Flat, and Mrs. Marie Needam of Memphis; and 11 grandchildren.

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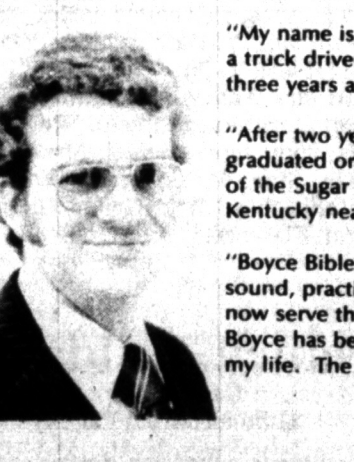


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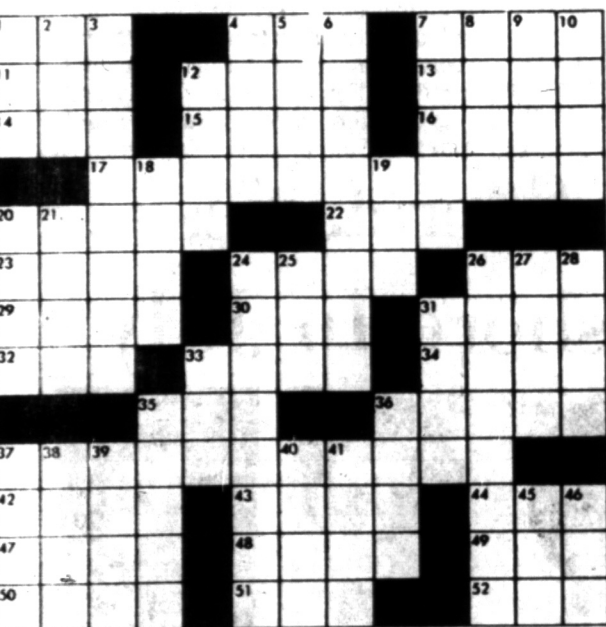
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- Degenerate
- Poems
- Fig or olive

- Cannot be tempted. (Jas. 1:13)
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- Pierre's friend
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- 51 High note
- 52 Electric, for one

DOWN

- "the — of the Lord" (John 12)
- Large snake
- Kind of children (Ezek. 2:4)
- Tendrils
- Wight or Man
- "as a sheep before her —" (Isa. 53)
- "shall — vineyards" (Zeph. 1)
- Amusement park attraction
- Man (1 Chron. 7:38; poss.)
- Menu item
- Birds of legend
- Cozy place
- "as the days of —" (Matt. 24)
- Insect
- City of Judah (Josh. 15:21)
- "— of the devil" (2 Tim. 2)
- Carpet
- "and — — through grace" (2 Thess. 2)
- Otherwise: abbr.
- Bambi, for one
- Flutter
- Luau food
- "Be of good —" (Acts 23)
- Ascend
- Narrow inlets
- Author
- American Indian
- Sense of touch
- Wild water buffalo
- Very small
- Old cloth measure

Just For The Record



MONTPELIER CHURCH (CLAY) held a note burning service May 20. The note was paid in full less than four years after the new building, above, was constructed. Ray Walters, interim pastor when the new sanctuary was started, led in the ceremony. Pictured at right are the deacons, Walters, and the present pastor, Frank Childress. Left to right are Leslie Webber, Childress, Walters, Ray Vail, Jim Murray, and Carl Spencer.



Pass Road Church (Gulf Coast) held noteburning ceremonies May 27 to celebrate reaching a "Miracle day" goal of \$45,000. The amount, which cleared the church of its property indebtedness, came totally through cash gifts. (Photo above - l to r: Sue Henry, Alvena Spain, Frances Miller, Mrs. A. Trowbridge, and Ray Simmons.)

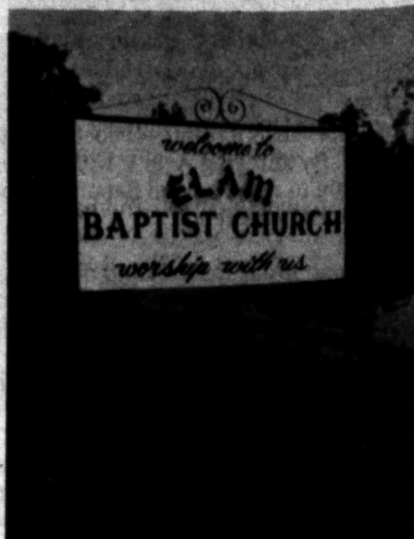
Pass Road Church, which has been involved in a "Reach Out and Touch" ministry since October 1978, is presently involved in the filming of a television special. Partial filming of the special to be shown on prime time television in many different areas of the United States, according to

Richard Edwards, pastor, was done at a "Reach Out and Touch" Miraclethon May 26. Lois Jane Huddleston, country gospel singer; The Southern Envoys gospel quartet; Bobby McClellan, minister of music at Pass Road; several local choirs; and Edwards were all part of the presentation.

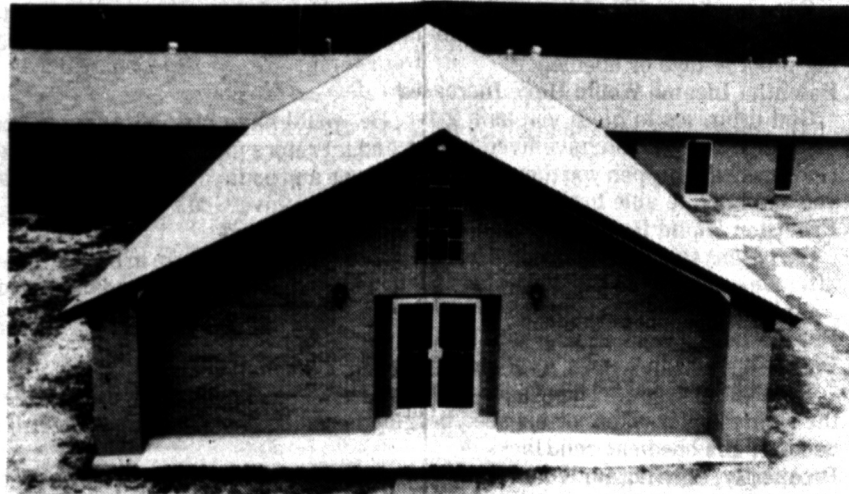
Special thanks go to everyone who has been involved in the "Reach Out and Touch" ministry, says Edwards. Anyone wishing to contact the "Reach Out and Touch" ministry may write or call: Reach Out and Touch, Inc., 208 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS 39501. 601/863-1697.

Calvary Church, Pascagoula (Jackson) has introduced a new concept into the Vacation Bible School curriculum — VBS for adults. Five sessions, two hours daily were held with Bible studies in John, with the theme "How Jesus Dealt With People." Mrs. David McClamroch, assisted by Mrs. Fletcher Groves, led in the study which emphasized applying Jesus' method of dealing with people to daily life today.

Mt. Nebo Church, Rt. 1, Collinsville will hold its annual homecoming day June 24, beginning with Sunday School at 9. Herman Pilgrim, a former pastor, will bring the morning message at 11. Afternoon service will begin at 1:30 with memorial service and singing. Lunch will be served at the church. A revival begins June 25 (See "Revival Dates.") Charles Davis is pastor.



Elam Baptist Church (Yalobusha) has a new church sign, pictured here. The sign was given to the church by the Charles Bennett Family. It welcomes all to worship with the friendly Elam Church family. Billy T. McDaniel is pastor.



WALLERVILLE CHURCH, UNION COUNTY, will celebrate its 125th anniversary on July 1 with homecoming and a fellowship meal. Former pastors and music directors will be present; the message is to be brought by Jim Nunnelee, present pastor of Meadow Grove Church, Brandon, and Wallerville's pastor, 1963-66.

An updated history of the church is being printed and will be available at the anniversary celebration.

Wallerville Church was organized as Mt. Pleasant Church on November 17, 1854, and was renamed Wallerville in 1937 when a new church building was erected. In 1976 the present building (above) was built, and in 1977 a fellowship hall was added. H. Bryan Abel is pastor.

There is evidence that **First Church, Ripley** was organized in 1838, two years after Tippah County was created. The actual date is unknown; therefore the church has chosen July 1st to celebrate its birthdate. Beginning this year, the church will have an annual homecoming on the first Sunday each July. This year marks the church's 141st anniversary.

The Historical Committee plans a display of memorabilia concerning past activities of the church. Any items or pictures loaned for display would be appreciated, a church member states.

The regular worship service will be followed by lunch in the fellowship hall and a special program will be in the afternoon.

Blessed be he who expects nothing; for he shall never be disappointed. — Pope—Letter



EDON CHURCH (JASPER) held an Acteen Recognition service recently with the theme "So Send I You." Recognized for their work were: Sarah Jane McCarty - Service Aid Recognition; Danna Warren - Attendant for Service Aid; Freda McCarty - Queen Regent; Denise Buckley, Karla Dixon, and Jana Kay Mills - Queen. Crown Bearers were Chris McCullough, Ashlea King, and Brad Williams. Cape Bearer was Leslie Crane. Debbie Hehn and Steve Chisholm, summer student missionaries, were guest speakers for the event. Mrs. Edsel McCarty, Acteen Counselor, presided. Special music was provided by Mrs. Bebe Williams and Mrs. Pam Stevenson. Phil Sumrall is pastor.

East Columbia Church, Columbia, will celebrate its 60th anniversary on Sunday, June 24. It's High Attendance Day in Sunday School and following the morning worship service, there will be dinner on the grounds and plenty of ice cream and ice cold watermelons.

The Southern Envoys and others will provide an afternoon of gospel singing. Robert Fullerton is pastor; Phil O'Donnell is minister of music youth. There will be no evening service that day.

Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, will observe its 14th anniversary, June 24. W. O. Langworthy Sr., interim pastor, will bring the 11 o'clock message followed by dinner in the Christian Activities Building. Allen Webb, Jackson County executive director of missions, and former pastor, will bring the afternoon devotional following the meal. A special program of singing will be led by Ray Kirk, minister of music.

Man is a tool-using animal. — Carlyle — Sartor Resartus



OLDER GAS OF DeSOTO ASSOCIATION toured Reedy Cottage May 12, on the Farrow Manor campus of Baptist Children's Village in Independence. Mrs. Tom Evans, hostess at Reedy Cottage, served Boston cream pie. After rain prevented a planned picnic, Terrell Stringer, pastor at Bett Church, invited the group to have lunch and indoor relays in the Fellowship Hall of Bett Church. Acel Stallings is DeSoto associational GA director.



PEACH CREEK CHURCH, PANOLA COUNTY, on May 27 celebrated its 130th anniversary with homecoming and an all-day program. A note burning was held for the final payment on indebtedness for remodeling of the pasturium. Left to right are G. E. Jolley, director of missions, Panola County, who led in prayer; Mrs. Vera Armes, church clerk; and Michael Street, pastor, who read a history of the pasturium, built in 1947. Mrs. Wallace Parnell is chairman of the Historical Committee.

Jerry and Glenda White, missionaries to Korea, will be arriving in the States at the end of June for their first furlough. They will reside at 715 East Northside Dr., Jackson.

The Whites, both graduates of William Carey College, teach at the Korea Christian Academy in Taejon. White, a native of Columbia, and his wife, who is from Bay Springs, have four children.

James and Charlotte Walker, missionaries to Malawi, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 30214 Chichiri, Blantyre 3, Malawi).

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Revival Results

Fentress (Choctaw): June 3-8; Joel Haire, First, West Point, evangelist; Gladney Worrell, Fentress, singer; Faye Worrell, Fentress, pianist; B. B. McGee, pastor; four for baptism; two by letter.

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"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil" (Rom. 13:3).

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Names In The News . . .

Dwight Crigger was licensed to the music ministry recently by First Church, Senatobia. Crigger, a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Crigger of Senatobia.



Crigger

Michael (Mickey) Bailey was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Senatobia. Bailey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bailey of Senatobia, will be a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Bailey

Yazoo City humorist and MCA recording artist Jerry Clower has been named comedy act of the year at the 1979 Music City News Cover Awards Show June 4. These awards have special significance to all winners since they are voted on solely by fans.

Clower is cohost of the country music syndicated television show "Nashville on the Road"



Lynn Clark and Twila Presley are available for singing for revivals and youth meetings. Lynn is employed at the Circuit Clerks office in Pascagoula. Twila is a student at Mobile Baptist College where she was voted Miss Mobile College 1978. They can be contacted at Route 1, Box 38, Pascagoula, Ms. (phone 475-2534). They are active members of the Franklin Creek Baptist Church, Bill Barton, interim pastor.

Mrs. W. L. Yancey, age 91, mother of Mary Ellen Yancey, missionary to Nigeria, died June 2 in Camp Hill, Ala. She was the former Lucy Langley. Mary Ellen may be addressed at PMB 5694, Ibadan, Nigeria. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1947.

Charles Dampier, pastor of Iuka Church, Iuka, preached in revival services at Bethany Church in Louisville, Kentucky May 13-16. The pastor of Bethany Church is Lloyd Stormont, a native Mississippian. He has served there for fifteen years.



Charlene Byrd, chorister at the Union Senior Church near Seminary, will present a complete worship program through music June 24 at the 11 a.m. service.

Miss Byrd, who was reared in the Union Community, will sing, and provide her own accompaniment at the piano and the accordion. She arranged her "Sermon in Song" to include all aspects of worship. She graduated from Seminary High School and the University of Southern Mississippi. Her initial music training was under Mrs. Bessie Bryant of Union Community. Bill Osborn is interim pastor at Union Senior.

E. C. Moss, interim pastor of Eucutta Church, Wayne County, recently had extensive surgery on his hip at the Veterans Hospital, Jackson. Although it will be some time before he will be back in the pulpit, he is much improved, according to a report from W. W. Boggan, director of missions, Wayne County.

Deer Creek Church has licensed **Charles Sumrall** to the gospel ministry. Sumrall, a resident of Sharkey County for 15 years, is a member of Deer Creek Church. He and his family live in Rolling Fork. He is available for supply preaching or for presentation of his testimony. His phone number is 873-2881.



Sumrall

The graduation exercises for Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fl., were held May 25, in First Baptist Church of Dothan, Al. Included in the list of graduates was one student from Mississippi. **James Shoemaker** of Hattiesburg received the Bachelor of Ministries in Biblical Studies degree. Joseph P. DuBose, Jr., Institute president, awarded the degrees and diplomas. Guest speaker for the service was Herschel Creasman, pastor of First Church, Wauchula, Fla.

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Southeastern Elects Tolbert, Clemmons

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Malcolm O. Tolbert of Gainesville, Ga., and William Preston Clemmons of Memphis, Tenn., have been elected to the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tolbert, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gainesville, since 1977, will become professor of New Testament in the fall semester of 1979. Clemmons, Baptist Men's consultant with the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission since 1976, will become associate professor of Christian education at the same time.

A Louisiana native, Tolbert, 54, and his wife, the former Nell Sills, also of Louisiana, were Southern Baptist missionaries, 1952-61, in Brazil. During that period, he served as executive secretary of the Baptist convention

and professor at the Equatorial Brazil Baptist Seminary. He taught New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1961-77.

Clemmons, 46, a Nashville, Tenn., native, and his wife, the former Betty Louise Owens of South Carolina, were missionaries to Italy, 1959-69. He has also been pastor of Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, Nashville; director of the program of vocational guidance for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; director of the Vineyard Conference Center, Louisville; visiting professor at the Instituto Filadelfia in Rivoli, Italy; Garrett Fellow, School of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville; and instructor in psychology and American history, Jefferson Community College, Louisville.

Devotional

What Do I Receive For Being Obedient to God?

By Byron E. Mathis, Pastor, Calvary, Pascagoula

Acts 5:1-10

"What do I get?" is a question one often hears, even as it relates to obedience to God. One can never fully answer this question. By studying Acts 5:1-10 one can find some of the blessings that would have come to Ananias and Sapphira, and most likely to you, as a result of obedience.



Mathis

Prolonged Life

Life is a gift from God. Long life is desired and desirable, especially when it has the Christian quality which is so essential and effective. What is life worth to you? How much would you give for an extension of life — even for a few days?

God brought death to Ananias and Sapphira, and thus shortened their lives because of disobedience.

Partnership Of Both Would Have Been Enriched

Marriage should be a partnership involving God, man, and woman. God is the finest partner available. He is our anchor, assurance, and aid. When man and woman work with God there will be an enriched partnership.

Payment of Debt to the Lord Would Have Been Made

"The tithe is the Lord's." If Ananias and Sapphira had been obedient they would have paid their debt to the Lord. Isn't it wonderful to be paid-up-to-date with the Lord even during this season of the year? God sees, knows, and understands all about each of us. He knows the facts about our honesty or dishonesty. Romans 14:12: "So then, every one of us, shall give an account of himself to God."

Proof Of Their Love To Christ Would Have Been Evident

One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving. For one to sing, "Oh how I love Jesus" and then be disobedient and dishonest, is not convincing proof of love or obedience.

Potential Income Would Have Increased

God promises to bless you as a giver. He would have blessed Ananias and Sapphira. They would have lived longer, and therefore produced more income. God says, "I will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you shall not be able to receive it." One cannot outgive God.

Provision Would Have Been Made For The Work Of God

Christians should be interested in using funds entrusted to them in life and even after we go to be with the Lord. God uses money to meet needs around the world. Ananias and Sapphira could have provided for the work of the Lord; so can we. Put the Lord's work in your will today!

Plenty Would Have Been Available For Their Personal Needs

The Psalmist said, "I have been young, and now I am old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread." God will always meet the needs of His obedient child.

Prosperity, Spiritually, Would Have Been Theirs

Untold and unnumbered spiritual blessings come to everyone who gives out of love and obedience. God wants you and yours. You are interested in that which you invest or give; increased interest means increased spiritual prosperity.

Praise Would Have Eventually Come From The Lord

Praise should never be one's objective in giving, but everyone should desire to hear the Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Giving can be included in the words, "Well done."

Personal Disposition Of Remaining Funds Would Have Been Made

I believe Ananias and Sapphira died so unexpectedly that they did not have a will. If this be true, others decided what to do with the "left-overs." Profit from their mistake, and put the will of God in your will.

"Trust and obey — for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

HAIFA, Israel — Preparation was made for 69 people. Forty-nine signed up. One hundred and nine showed up.

Marionites, Latin Catholics, Greek Catholics, Orthodox Greeks, Anglicans, and Baptists took the first lesson in the 12-part course on the Life of Christ.

Norman F. Lytle, a Southern Baptist representative to Israel, is director of the Christian Service Training Center which originated the course. It was held at the Greek Catholic Church in Haifa, with Ibrahim Sim'an, a Baptist layman, and Canon Na'em Ateek, pastor of the Anglican church, also teaching. (EBPS)

New Orleans Appoints Three Faculty Members

NEW ORLEANS — Three persons were added to the full-time faculty of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary recently in action taken by the Seminary's executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.



Holcomb

Starks

Elected were Dr. Daniel Holcomb, Dr. Linda Shipley, and Dr. M. Thomas

Starks, all of whom will be filling positions vacated by resignations or deaths among the faculty. Starks and Miss Shipley have been teaching at the Seminary during the current academic year as contract faculty members, according to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, vice president for academic affairs at the school, who made the announcement recently.

Starks, a recognized authority on world religions, will serve as Associate Professor of Christian Missions and World Religions, in the Division of Theological and Historical Studies. A graduate of Wayland College, the Southern Baptist Seminary, and the University of Iowa, he has been director of the Department of Interfaith Witness and Secretary of the Department of Work Related to Non-Evangelicals, both of which are departments of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Prior to coming to the Seminary, Starks was campus minister at Southwest Missouri Baptist University.

Miss Shipley, a native of Kingsport, Tenn., will serve as Assistant Professor of Music Theory and Piano, in the Division of Church Music Ministries. A graduate of Carson Newman College, she received the Master of Church Music degree from The Southern Baptist Seminary, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Florida State University.

Dr. Daniel H. Holcomb, the only New Orleans Seminary graduate of the three who were elected to faculty positions, will serve as Associate Professor of Church History, which also is in the Division of Theological and Historical Studies. Currently he is Chairman of the Department of Religion and Associate Professor of Religion at Oklahoma Baptist University. He has been at OBU since 1969.

The San Antonio, Texas, native has been named in such publications as *Outstanding Educators of America* and *Who's Who in Religion*. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Seminary. He also received the Master of Theology

and Doctor of Theology degrees from The Southern Baptist Seminary.

The three will begin their new teaching duties August 1, according to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, who added that the beginning of the 1979-80 academic year begins at that time. Classes begin August 21.

FMB Elects Atlantic Coast Representative

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has elected a Virginia pastor, Roger L. Thompson, as regional personnel representative for the Atlantic Coast states.

Thompson, pastor of Union Chapel Baptist Church, Clarksville, Va., will work with candidates in coastal states from New England to Florida and at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. His home base will be in North Carolina, probably in the Raleigh vicinity.

He will counsel with persons and groups interested in foreign mission service and channel qualified volunteers into screening procedures leading toward missionary appointment.

Increased mission interest in the area prompted Thompson's election. Although there was a representative in Raleigh from 1972-1974, no fulltime representative has been there since then.

North Carolina, where Thompson will be stationed, provided more new missionaries last year than any other state east of the Mississippi River, and eight graduates of Southeastern Seminary were appointed. Thompson will begin work with more than 200 families interested in missionary service.

A native of Brookville, Pa., he received the bachelor of arts degree from University of Maryland and the master of divinity degree from Southeastern Seminary.

WMU Names Audrey Cowley As Treasurer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Audrey E. Cowley has been elected to succeed La Venia Neal as treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Neal retired April 30 after 26 years in the position.

Mrs. Cowley is a former Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Nigeria. She and her husband, William A. Cowley, established the Baptist High School in Jos, Nigeria, in 1959. She served as bookkeeper, librarian, and mathematics teacher at the school until 1973.

Then she taught mathematics and

bookkeeping at Hillcrest School in Jos. Hillcrest School is operated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and several other evangelical missions for internationals desiring an America-style education.

Mrs. Cowley has been serving as campus minister at Jefferson State Junior College in Birmingham. Prior to going to Nigeria, she was campus minister at the University of Florida and at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Her husband is assistant professor in the departments of religion and speech at Samford University in Birmingham.

Annuity Board, SBC, Launches Campaign To Raise Endowment

DALLAS (BP) — A campaign to raise a \$25 million endowment by 1988 has been launched by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Darold H. Morgan, board president, said the campaign represents a new way for the board to acquire funds to undergird its protection programs.

B. J. Chenault, a senior vice president directing the newly created endowment department, will head the

campaign, using "Project: Partnership" as the theme.

During the next decade, the new department hopes to accomplish three major objectives, Morgan said: 1. stabilize protection plan reserves during volatile investment times; 2. assure an annual "14th Check" for extra benefits for board annuitants where annuities are very small; 3. help smaller churches in pioneer areas enroll their ministers in board programs.

Uniform Lesson

Wisdom For Decisions

By Larry W. Kennedy, First, Laurel 1 Kings 3:3-14

It is easy to confuse brightness and cleverness with wisdom. Mental brilliance is someone like Kim-Ung-Yong of Seoul, South Korea. By the age of four he could speak Korean, Japanese, German, and English. By the age of five he could find mathematical answers using integral calculus. On the Terman Index for Intelligence Quotients, 150 represents genius. Ung-Yong's IQ is estimated to be 210. He is bright indeed.

Sayed is a native of Afghanistan. At the age of four, he could work through almost any math problem. At the age of six, he graduated from high school. He is now studying in the United States and will probably earn a Ph.D. by the time he is eleven years old. That's what you call a bright kid!

When the Greeks besieged Troy they faked a retreat by leaving a wooden horse as bait for inquisitive minds. The citizens of Troy considered it a reward for their tenacity and bravery. However, Greek soldiers were hidden in the wooden horse. Once the horse had been pulled inside the city, the Greek soldiers climbed out to open the city gates for the hidden Greek army. It was cleverness at its best.

Wisdom is of the heart as well as the intellect. It is the using of all known facts according to the will of God. Wisdom is doing God's will based upon the revelation of God in his word. Intellectually Abraham Lincoln was no match for Stephen Douglas. Their famous debates demonstrated that truth; however, Lincoln had something that Douglas lacked: moral integrity and spiritual sensitivity that expressed itself in wisdom of the highest kind. It was that wisdom that helped save the nation.

I. Request

As Solomon began his reign as King he asked God for an "understanding heart to judge the people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Thine?" (1 Kings 3:9). Solomon's request indicates that he already possessed some wisdom. He was a young man ahead of his times.

In all probability Solomon's request was promoted by his observation of past events. He had lived in a palace of fools, and he understood clearly that brightness and cleverness could not be

equated with wisdom. The chaos and confusion of the past days had put a tremendous strain on the kingdom. Only a man with a wise mind could possibly lead the people out of the abyss of moral corruption.

II. The Response

Upon hearing the request of Solomon, God responded by saying, "Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you" (1 Kings 3:12).

Surely God was pleased to hear the request of Solomon. How long had God waited to hear that kind of request? The answers to our prayers are dependent upon the kinds of requests we make to God. Our praying must be according to God's will. Certainly no one would argue that wisdom is not a part of God's will for our lives.

It was Jesus who said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God..." When we seek God's rule in our lives, a beautiful by-product will be God's wisdom. The staff at the New York Public Library was asked: "Who, in spite of all logic and experience, never got wise?" The response was "Harold Stassen, designers of Edsel, first five wives of Henry VIII, Gracie Allen, judges who send people to prison for rehabilitation, Don Quixote, etc." If the staff of the New York Public Library knew you, would they have added you to the list?

Oregon Association

Disfellowships Church

EASTSIDE, Ore. (BP) — Myrtlewood Association in Eastside, Ore., removed Calvary Baptist Church from its fellowship following a dispute over the use and definition of the baptism and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The action followed months of negotiation between the association's credentials committee and Eastside church.

In January, the committee charged Calvary with holding beliefs that negated God's will to serve man's faith. It said Calvary believed the baptism of the spirit was a separate experience from salvation and that it believes in

faith healing in that a person must only have enough faith and they can be healed of anything.

Roy Worthley, pastor of First Baptist Church, North Bend, Ore., asked at the semi-annual association meeting that Calvary be removed from the association for breaking fellowship. Worthley said the church's support and participation in Women's Aglow, a charismatic fellowship, created dissonance among Baptist churches.

Calvary's pastor, C. J. Shreckengost, said his church never had tongues speaking in its services.

The 124-member church has had previous disagreements with the association.

Life and Work Lesson

Love And Judgment

By Joe N. McKeever
Hosea 6 — 14

My mule was named Toby-John, for some reason. The slowest, orneriest creature in two counties, he had one admirable trait: he knew the way home. After a morning of plowing in our bottoms, I'd hear the dinner bell clanging a mile up the road at the house. So, as soon as I got to the end of the row, Toby-John's harness would come off and I would send him toward home with a whop across his backside.

Ten minutes later when I arrived home, tired and dusty, Toby-John was finishing his lunch in the lot and preparing to roll in the dust.

As I say, he had a lot of faults, but he sure knew the way home. Which is more than you can say for some people.

In Isaiah 1, for example, God said, "The ox knows its owner, and the ass his master's crib. But Israel does not know; my people do not consider." God's theme here sounds identical to that in the book of Hosea — a rebellious children who had forgotten the way to their Father's house. Yet, the Father reminds them of His love and re-issues His standing invitation to come home.

Our Bible study picks out three passages, which of course, means we overlook lots of other important ones. These three, however, are adequate samples to see the entire message of the book.

Returning to Love 6:1-3

At the end of chapter 5, three types of judgment were listed: first, Israel would find God to be as a moth — quietly judging, but surely bringing destruction; then, God would be as a lion — ravaging openly, making a spectacle of His people before the world; finally, God would withdraw from His people altogether, until they admitted guilt and returned to Him.

These three verses from Hosea 6 seem to be the response to God's invitation. While some say these indicate a superficial repentance, it does not seem to be the case. (Read them from a translation other than the King James, say, the New American Standard, and you'll see the difference.)

The people speak of (1) Returning. Of returning to the Lord who tore and wounded them, and who alone can heal and bandage them. (2) Reviving. Once He heals us, our Lord will raise us up, giving us new life. The object? That we

may live before Him. Incidentally, verse 2 is not a reference to our Lord's resurrection, even though it speaks of our being raised on the third day. The idea of being revived in two days and raised on the third is promptness.

(3) Remedying. And how shall we live, once He has given us new life? By pressing on to know the Lord. That's the object of all of a Christian's existence: "to know Him and the power of His resurrection." It's the remedy against future falling.

(4) Refreshing. No more barrenness, dry rot or thirstiness. Knowing the Lord is like a spring rain watering the earth.

Yearning of Love 11:1-4

The poem which is 11:1-11 may qualify as the greatest section of Hosea. In it, you see God's love at work: Electing (vs. 1), disciplining (vs. 2-4), chastising (vs. 5-7), agonizing (vs. 8), deciding (vs. 9), and triumphing (vs. 10-11).

Verse 1 reveals the tender love of a parent for his child. "I called my son out of Egypt" refers of course to Israel, but points ahead to Jesus (Matthew 2:15).

But Israel was a rebellious youth. The more the preachers preached, the more God's son headed for the false gods (verse 2). As a grieving Father God says, "I taught the little fellow how to walk, but he doesn't even remember me!" (vs. 3) How sad. Again, it reminds us of Isaiah's prophecies in his first chapter.

God points out that Israel is not a mule to be led with a bridle, but a man. "I led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love." What is it to be led with bonds of love? Such chains led Jesus to Calvary, and Paul over the Roman Empire preaching Christ. And with such bonds our Lord would tie us to Himself.

Are such bonds oppressive? To the contrary, the Lord points out in verse 4, it was He who took the yoke off Israel! And fed them! But how little they recall and appreciate His grace.

This passage from Hosea 11 sounds like our Lord Jesus in Matthew 23:37-39 weeping over Jerusalem.

Healing of Love 14:4, 7

"I will heal their backsliding; I will love them freely." What a powerful medicine is love. The therapy of God's love will heal Israel's backsliding. Once again, we are reminded that God's way is not our way. We would

speak of putting repentant backsliders on probation or making second class citizens of them. But not God. The erring one who repents is forgiven. Period. Fully, and the sin is forgotten (Hebrews 10:17).

Verse 7 describes the future prosperity of God's people. As with so many of the future promises of the prophets, this found its fullest answer in spiritual Israel, the body of Christ.

The message of Hosea is God's love toward a rebellious people who were thus coming under judgment. His love would last, the judgment would not.

One of our deacons is a grandfather to a fine four-year-old. A year or so ago the whole family was on a camp-out. Little John had done something naughty: the presence of his grandfather and received a swat on his seat for his trouble.

With both his pride and his seat paining him, he looked through teary eyes and said to his grandfather, "I'm going to go tell my mommy!... but I'll be right back!"

He who hurt us will heal us; He who wounded us will bandage us. The Father who chastened us will forgive, and receive us. And that's the Gospel!

Earns Doctorate At Midwestern

Steve Craig Tally of Columbia, Miss., was among the 93 members of the 1979 graduating class of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Harold C. Bennett, newly elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered the commencement address at the May 19 ceremony. Tally received the Doctor of Ministry degree.

The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time. — Jefferson